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FROM THE EDITOR



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A NOTHER YEAR

over and a new one begun. Hard to believe. But as we bid farewell to 2018 and welcome the New Year, we can do so with thanks and appreciation for the RCMP and all they do for Canadians and communities across this great country.

Speaking of the expanse of the country, we have, in this issue, a wonderful article about The Amazing Race Canada: Heroes Edition, which aired this past year and featured RCMP Csts. Courtney and Taylor Callens, fourth generation Force members from the Langley and Williams Lake Detachments. Their father, retired D/Commr. Craig Callens, cheered along with millions of Canadian viewers as Courtney and Taylor completed 11 legs of the journey over six weeks, visiting eight provinces and

territories, three countries, 16 cities and racking up more than 50,000 kilometres along the way. Read about their incredible journey inside.

On a more serious note, we have an article about a century old building in the City of Vancouver that has significant historical importance to the RCMP members who have served over the years in British Columbia. I speak of the Fairmont building, which has long been controversial with Indigenous people. Indigenous leaders believe the demolition of the building from their lands is appropriate in the spirit of reconciliation as they claim the Fairmont building represents oppression and the rejection of traditional hunting grounds since the building is located on historic trails that connect First Nation villages along the Fraser River and False Creek. The City of Vancouver is now conducting research to determine if the building can be moved, and, if so, to what location.

Going back to the RCMP's history, we have a very interesting and amusing tale of an epic patrol through the Rocky Mountains. One hundred and five years ago, two members of the Royal North West Mounted Police set out on an arduous winter patrol in the Canadian Rockies to rescue a girl that was believed to have been kidnapped, and to capture her abductor.

Lastly, we take a look in this issue at Canadian Pacific Flight 21, a case that CBC News is now reinvestigating as one of this country's most notorious cold cases. More than 50 years ago, Canadian Pacific Flight 21 mysteriously crashed on its way to Whitehorse from Vancouver.

Everyone onboard – 46 passengers and six crew members – were killed, making it one of the worst mass murders in Canadian history. Will the reinvestigation lead to results? Read on to learn more...

Tanya Baglole

From Our Readers

Letters and comments shared from our subscribers.

"Recollections of the North" a real page turner

I found the article, "Recollections of the North" in the Spring 2018 issue, Vol. 83, No. 2, both historically significant and informative. It is an account of the Force's efforts on behalf of the Canadian government to relocate Inuit and restore their traditional way of life in the North. The author experienced these hardships yet the story is told as a 10-year history, including all members who were involved and shared these experiences.

This is a part of the history of the Force that few people are aware of. Thanks to Sgt. A.B. McIntosh (Rtd.) and *the Quarterly* for sharing with us all.

Yours sincerely,

S/SGT. L.M. OICKLE (RTD.)

Can you guess what this is? The answer...



The Quarterly asked readers what this object was in the Fall 2018 edition, after publishing a close up photo of it. The object was displayed at the RCMP Heritage Centre. The answer: modern padded drumsticks.

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Info Wanted on Uncle Ross' Paperweight

I am looking for any information regarding this memento which was given to me by my wife's uncle, W. Ross Pilkey.

William Ross Pilkey, Reg. No. 15098, (O.547), was an assistant commissioner with the RCMP. He joined the Force on June 21, 1948 at Winnipeg, Man. He retired April 5, 1974.

I would like to learn the history of how and when he received this award. The paperweight is 2 ½ inches by ¾ inches. Please contact Murray Clark by email at murray.clark3@gmail.com.



TEAM MOUNTIE TACKLES THE AMAZING RACE CANADA

By S/Sgt. Michael Duncan (Rtd.)



In the Fall 2013 issue of the *Quarterly*, I wrote about an episode of The Amazing Race Canada that featured teams participating in the so-called RCMP Boot Camp at “Depot” Division.

Racers were supplied with the customary kit and clothing, and were told to proceed immediately to their barrack room “pits.” The “cadets” were then ordered to place the uniforms in their closet in an orderly fashion, and to properly make their beds. When the cadets felt they had made up their pits to the exacting standards of the RCMP, they summoned the Commanding Officer to carry out an inspection. One young contestant described the inspection as the “worst challenge ever” and began to cry. To this, the CO barked: “In the Mounted Police, we don’t cry.”

Given the unprecedented success of The Amazing Race, CTV announced plans for a “Heroes Edition” of the show in 2018. RCMP Constables Courtney and Taylor Callens, fourth generation members from the Langley and Williams Lake Detachments were chosen as racers. Their father, retired D/Commr. Craig Callens, cheered along with

millions of Canadians as they completed 11 legs of the journey over six weeks, visiting eight provinces and territories, three countries, 16 cities and racking up more than 50,000 km.

Competing against nine other teams, Team Mountie finished in second place. Although the \$250,000 cash prize eluded the RCMP team, the pair provided many hours of close-to-home entertainment as we proudly observed them from the sidelines.

“The team of Constables Courtney and Taylor Callens exemplified sportsmanship and class throughout the competition. They represented themselves, their family, their communities and the Force with nothing but class. And, in doing so, this has made the RCMP proud,” said D/Commr. Brenda Butterworth-Carr, the Commanding Officer of E Div.

Each leg of The Amazing Race tested the mental and physical endurance of the racers. When asked about the challenges, Taylor Callens said “Completing tasks was like going to calls. Stay calm, analyze the situation, and find a solution.”

Courtney Callens agreed, adding, “We went into the race, certain that our specific police training would help. We had learned how to march, but we were not trained to dance (racers had to perform a can-can dance). Taylor brought that skill himself, and danced us to the finish line on more than one occasion.”

On another challenge, Courtney said, “We both agreed that attention to detail, drilled into our heads at Depot should have helped us follow detailed instructions to assemble a tent. It didn’t help at all.”

From a personal perspective, RCMP training may have helped in areas such as physical conditioning, powers of memory and observation, and problem-solving techniques. The Team Mountie members felt it was their basic police mentality.

“Years of sleepless nights, and continuing to push through 17-hour shifts were so familiar to us,” noted Courtney. “We flew 15 hours from Hong Kong to Toronto, then immediately headed toward Ingersoll to complete a challenge at an auto assembly plant. We clocked four hours of sleep, and were up and racing again for another 16 hours. Just like a shift at work, we pushed through the day, with little sleep or food, to secure back-to-back first place finishes with a substantial time cushion between us and the teams behind.”

As for an unimpressive jai alai experience, Courtney reminisced, “My grandfather always used to say that Mounties don’t cry, but I don’t think he ever tried that sport!”

When asked to reflect on the overall experience, Courtney summed it up nicely: “We didn’t win the cash prize, but what we won was so much more. It was the experience of a lifetime, especially all the messages of support from Mounties across the country. It was the opportunity to travel, to compete as Team Mountie, and to be with my sibling. I think that will be the beginning and the end of our reality television career, but what a career it was.” 🍷



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FROM MOUNTIES ACROSS THE
COUNTRY - CST. COURTNEY CALLENS**







HISTORIC FAIRMONT BARRACKS NEED PROTECTION

There is a century old building in the City of Vancouver that has significant historical importance to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police members who have served in British Columbia. In 2014, the lands at the corner of 33rd Avenue and Heather Street on which Fairmont Barracks has stood became “the Heather Lands” and are now jointly owned by the Canada Lands Company (“CLC”) and the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil- Waututh Nation (collectively known as the “MST Nations”).

The century old two-and-a-half storey Tudor Revival historical building was designed by Vancouver architect, Samuel Maclure, in 1912 and was to serve as a private boy’s school. In 1918, the federal government purchased the building to use as a military hospital and in 1920 the Royal Canadian Mounted Police took over the property for the Force’s provincial headquarters, naming it “Fairmont Barracks.” The barracks were built to accommodate approximately 150 men and four large barns were erected on the property to stable 100 horses.

■ Fairmont Academy, a Tudor Revival-style building, was designed by Vancouver architect, Samuel Maclure, in 1912.

I**N** 1950, Fairmont served as Sub Division Headquarters until 1970 when it was renamed “Fairmont Training Academy,” and remained a significant part of RCMP life until 2013 when E Div. Headquarters was moved to a new facility in Surrey, B.C.

Over the 93 years of RCMP occupancy, Fairmont Barracks hosted numerous divisional training courses and was the site of many significant ceremonies and presentations. In 1933, RCMP members, including mounted units, were formed to assist the Vancouver Police Department in quelling labour riots. In 1949, Fairmont was the site where the crew of the RCMP schooner *St. Roch* were honoured after the vessel’s historic voyage through the North West Passage. Canada’s flag, which was adopted in 1965, was first flown in E Div. on the flagpole situated in front of Fairmont Barracks.

Fairmont was also the location of the Officer’s Mess and NCO’s Mess; places where RCMP members, staff and family socialized while continuing to honour the Force. It is a building that has been the very foundation of the Force on the West Coast having had thousands of members living, working or training within its hallowed walls.

With the 2013 relocation of E Div. Headquarters to a new federal building in Surrey, the 21 acres of Crown Land, where Fairmont Barracks is situated, was termed “unceded” land. In 2014, this land was purchased by a consortium comprised of the MST Nations and CLC. Now, Fairmont is being identified as a “representation of an era of colonialization for First Nations where their customs and culture were suppressed by the RCMP.” The First Nations, with the support of CLC, have requested the building be demolished to make way for a new cultural centre that celebrates First Nations. The City of Vancouver is the lead and is guiding the rezoning and redevelopment of these lands.

First Nation leaders believe the demolition or removal of the building from their lands is appropriate in the spirit of reconciliation as Fairmont represents oppression and rejection



■ RCMP members ready for parade at Fairmont Barracks.

from hunting grounds as it is situated on historic trails which connected First Nation villages along the Fraser River, False Creek and beyond.

The City of Vancouver has indicated they do not want to set a precedent by destroying a historic class “A” building and, as the moving of the building would be difficult, the City has noted that “if a receiver site and use cannot be identified within the three to five-year time frame, then the building will be demolished.” Information received from the City states that research is being done to determine if the building could be moved, to what location, and/or if a façade of the building could be retained.

There is a twist to this story which has been documented by retired Supt. J.J. (Joe) Healy in “The Mystery of a Mountie Buried Under an Ocean of Stone.”

“History has it that the remains of RCMP Supt. J.J. Atherton, (0.432), are buried under the flag pole directly in front of Fairmont Barracks.” Joe Healy’s story goes on to state: “The officer’s spouse predeceased him, so he left explicit instructions with his two pals, also senior and retired RCMP officers, about his wish for a cremation followed by a burial. He had wanted for a very special, but different sort of burial. And, rather than be buried in a cemetery, he wanted his urn to be buried in a very, very different location.

The two officers complied with the last will and testament of the deceased officer – first he was cremated and then they buried him exactly as he had requested – in a deep hole dug by themselves beside his favorite and memorable place, which

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was his RCMP office. It just so happened that the specific location was under the flagpole which stands very prominently in front of Fairmont Barracks in Vancouver, B.C. And that's where he rests peacefully even to this day."

In July 2018, four RCMP veterans, Joe Healy, Don Wilson, Ric Hall and Donna Morse attended Fairmont Barracks to look at the flag pole base and surrounding area to identify the exact location where the remains of Supt. Atherton were laid to rest. One of those veterans, D/Commr. Don Wilson (Rtd.) confirmed as having witnessed the burial of Supt. Atherton's cremated remains in 1988 but

Members formed up at the Fairmont Barracks in 1933 prior to heading to downtown Vancouver to assist the Vancouver Police Department with some protesters.

could not recall exactly where or what type of material the urn was made of. Unfortunately, this story may end with an "ashes to ashes and dust to dust" scenario as it pertains to Supt. Atherton's urn. The City, MST and CLC have all been advised that remains of an RCMP officer had been buried under Fairmont's flagpole. While there was some surprise by City and CLC officials to this, MST officials have emphatically stated they will not

be financially responsible for any preservation or upkeep of the Fairmont building or potential retrieval of any remains. E Div. Headquarters have been apprised of this matter and Vancouver Division RCMP veterans will ensure that the treatment of whatever may remain of Supt. Atherton's urn is dealt with dignity and respect.

The years should have taught us that it is important, not only to preserve the history on which this great country of Canada was built, but how important it is to preserve the heritage of all Canadians and the Canadian symbols. As the old proverb states, "two wrongs don't make a right." 📖



For more history about Fairmont Barracks see:

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/fairmont-barracks>

Read Joe Healy's full story at:

<http://www.rcmpgraves.com/buffalo/mountieflagpole.html>



AN EPIC PATROL IN THE ROCKIES

TO RESCUE A "KIDNAPPED" GIRL

— By Mark Gaillard, Researcher, RCMP Veterans' Association



“ALL FOOD EXCEPT
TEA AND SUGAR
WAS EVENTUALLY
EXHAUSTED.”

One hundred and five years ago,

two members of the Royal North West Mounted Police (RNWMP) set out on an epic winter patrol in the Canadian Rockies to rescue a girl that was believed to have been kidnapped and capture her abductor.

The story was first told in the January 1959 edition of *the Quarterly* magazine, laconically titled “A Patrol.”

“I am very sorry for all the anxiety I have put everyone to owing to our continued absence, but I could not send out word before I did, and it is no good coming back while the man was in the country.”

With these words, Sgt. Charles Sydney Harper ended his report covering his patrol to apprehend 39-year-old homesteader Asa Hunting, who was wanted for abducting 15-year-old Mildred Shaw and running away with her in the autumn of 1913.

The patrol commenced at Lake Saskatoon, west of Grande Prairie, Alta., on Nov. 4, 1913 and nothing further was heard from the men until they arrived back on Jan. 20, 1914 – 77 days later.

On patrol with Sgt. Harper were Cst. Frederick Stevenson and Richard Harrington. Three police horses and six pack horses were used for transportation. And it was necessary to pack provisions for one month plus 500 pounds of oats for the horses involved in the pursuit.

The patrol reached the foot of Nose Mountain on November 13 when snow made travel extremely difficult. It took seven days to reach the summit of the mountain, a distance of 40 miles, the last 500 feet being almost pure ice.

Once over the mountain, the patrol hit the old Jasper Trail, where the snow was waist deep for the first 50 miles. The Porcupine River Valley was reached on November 25 where two days rest was taken as the horses were in poor condition and the oats finished.

1914

All food except tea and sugar was eventually exhausted. But a trapper the Mounties met gave them a sack of dried moose meat on which they lived until December 12. By that date, they had climbed Porcupine Mountain and hit Smoky River where they found an Indigenous encampment, the occupants of which were also out of food and were living on lynx and rabbits.


As the horses were in bad shape, Cst. Stevenson remained to rest them while Sgt. Harper continued on foot. Grande Cache was reached that night and it was found that suspected abductor Asa Hunting had been there to purchase food three days earlier.

Purchasing provisions of his own, Sgt. Harper, with a guide in tow, next headed for the Muddy River on foot as this is where Hunting was rumored to have a camp setup.

On December 22, the smoke of a camp fire was seen and the girl was found sitting in a teepee. When Sgt. Harper informed Mildred Shaw that he was a policeman come to rescue her, she began to scream. Startled, Sgt. Harper carried her out and left her with his guide. Hearing Mildred's screams, Asa Hunting came running to the camp with his rifle in hand but was ambushed and told he was under arrest. Hunting submitted meekly to arrest.

The party returned to Grande Cache on Christmas Eve and rested for one day before back-tracking over Porcupine Mountain. The old tracks were covered with snow, they had no oats and food was scarce. From this point on, all camps were made in the open, sleeping on spruce boughs with one member staying awake all night to keep fires going and watch the prisoner.





Nose Mountain was crossed by Jan. 8, 1914 in bitter cold, and by the time the foot of the mountain was reached the party had only one dead lynx, tea and two cups of tapioca for three days subsistence.

Apart from Asa Hunting, who had both feet slightly frozen, the remainder of the party suffered no ill effects other than colds. The entire party reached Beaverlodge on January 18 and finally Lake Saskatoon two days later, where they notified the Commanding Officer by wire of their safe return.

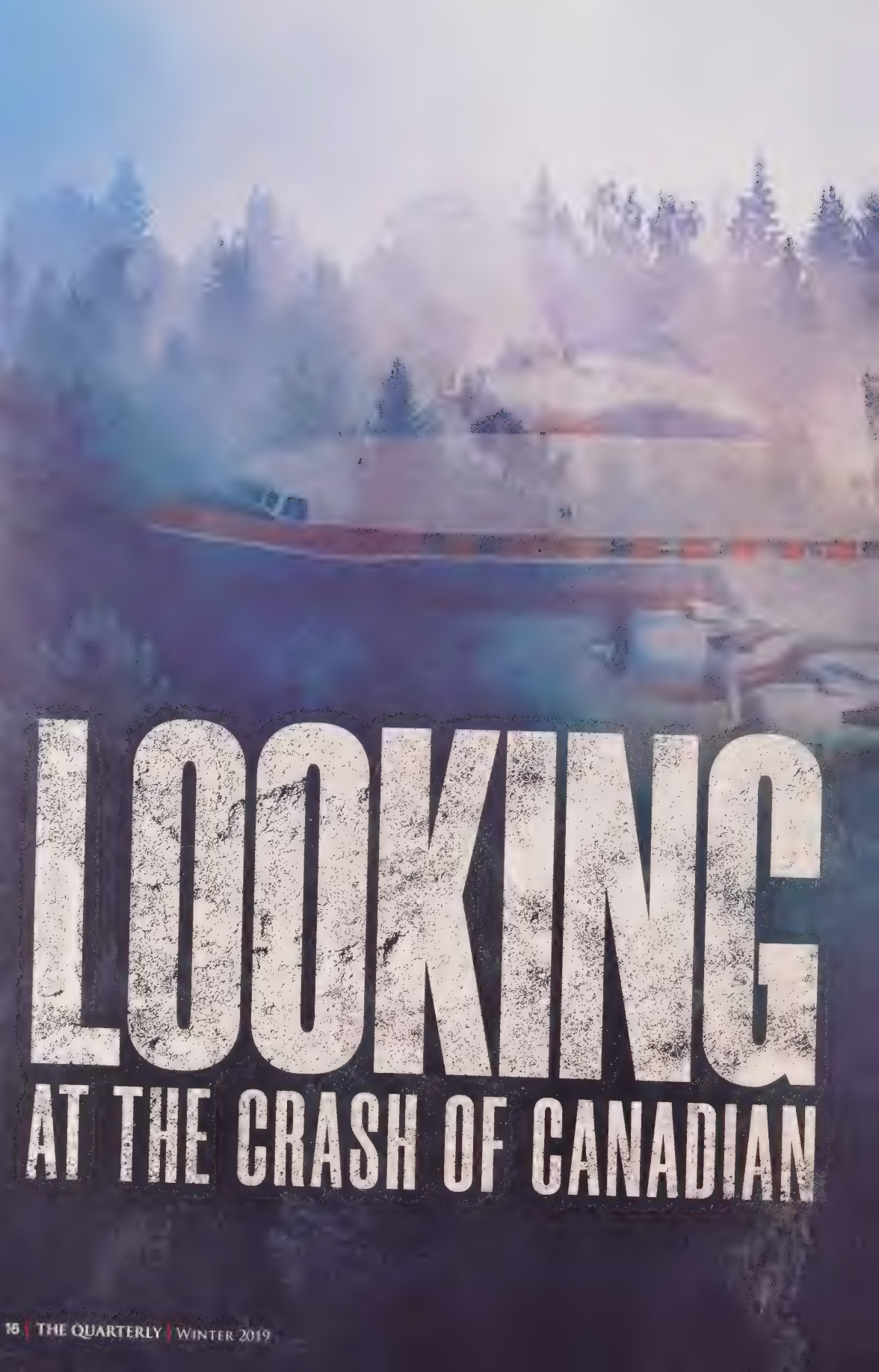
It was fortunate that Sgt. Harper persevered and brought back Asa Hunting for he and the abducted girl would likely have lost their lives in the intense cold that followed their return to civilization.

Six months later – in July 1914 – Asa Hunting went on trial with Mildred Shaw and her mother in the courtroom. However, shortly after the trial commenced, Justice Williams Simmons suspended sentence and ordered Hunting released after it was revealed that Mildred Shaw had not been abducted at all but had run away with Asa Hunting to marry him.

The judge said: “As this girl and this man wish to be married, I think, Mrs. Shaw, you will appreciate that though the accused is guilty of taking the girl away from your home and have evidently been living as man and wife, that this is the best course to pursue.”

Asa Hunting and Mildred Shaw were married later that day. In the 1916 census, the Huntings and their then 11-month-old daughter Cora were listed as residents of Valleyview, Alta.

The end result notwithstanding, Sgt. Harper and Cst. Stevenson were each awarded \$50 from the RNMWP Fine Fund for their actions in this case. Such patrols, and there were many of them, were not written about for popular consumption at the time. But they were the stuff of legend on which the reputation of the Force has been built. 🍷



LOOKING AT THE CRASH OF CANADIAN



BACK

PACIFIC FLIGHT 21

"ONE OF THE WORST MASS MURDERS IN CANADIAN HISTORY"

MORE than 50 years ago, Canadian Pacific Flight 21 mysteriously crashed on its way to Whitehorse from Vancouver. Everyone onboard – 46 passengers and six crew members – were killed, making it one of the worst mass murders in Canadian history.

Shortly after the aircraft went down on July 8, 1965, an investigation team led by the RCMP determined that the crash was a criminal matter. Using trace evidence gathered at the scene, they determined that a bomb made of dynamite and gunpowder had brought down Canadian Pacific Flight 21, and that the bomb had been detonated by someone who was onboard the airplane.


But who?

The RCMP identified four suspects: a gambler who purchased life insurance moments before boarding Flight 21, a young man described as a loner who had an interest in gunpowder, a mining-explosives expert who had a criminal record, and an individual who had carried a gun onto the plane and was described by his psychiatrist as having a "deep madness towards the world."

RCMP investigators exhaustively investigated the backgrounds of all four suspects, but were never able to determine which of them was responsible for detonating the bomb from a bathroom onboard the aircraft. Years went by and the case eventually went cold and was labeled "unsolved."

The CBC News has revisited the investigation, interviewing dozens of individuals connected to the crash and also reviewed the original RCMP and Transport Canada investigative reports. Mike Arntfield, a former police detective who now teaches at the University of Western Ontario, has also been brought in to analyze the case. He's using a computer algorithm that compares it to other aircraft disasters, mass murders, suicide bombings and actions by suicidal individuals.

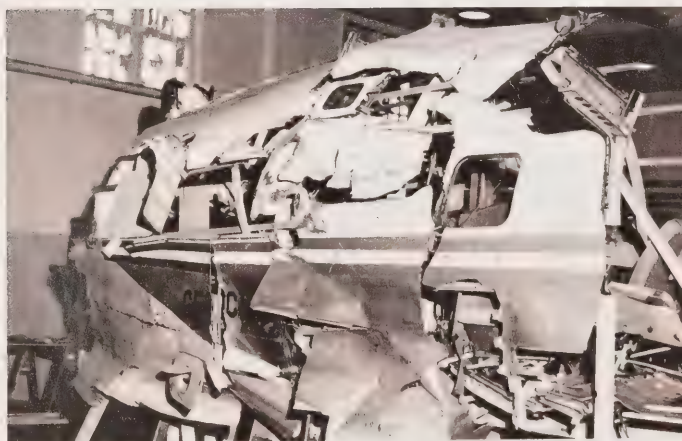
The hope is to narrow down the suspects and, eventually, bring closure to the families that lost loved ones in the crash.

Whether the renewed investigation is ultimately successful in identifying the bomber remains to be seen. But after 50 years, this cold case is again hot. 



- Investigators examine the scene after the crash which occurred on July 8, 1965.
Photo by Transport Canada

- Debris from the DC-6 aircraft reconstructed by investigators.
Photo by Transport Canada



This Day in the RCMP

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1 February 1920

The Royal North-West Mounted Police becomes the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and assumes responsibility of enforcing federal laws in all nine provinces and two territories.

2 February 1952

Commr. Leonard Nicholson approves the music for the RCMP's official "Regimental March Past." The music, written by Dr. Charles O'Neil of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, was chosen from three different compositions.

3 February 1912

Cst. Edward R. Clark's, Reg. No. 4751, stint as the NCO in charge of the Town Station Detachment at Maple Creek, Sask., did not go well. He was convicted in Service Court for losing one handcuff key. After being found guilty, Cst. Clark was confined to barracks for seven days and ordered to pay 20 cents for a new key.

4 February 1988

Cst. L.J.B. Beck, Reg. No. 37945, revived a prisoner in jail who had stopped breathing by using CPR and was awarded the Meritorious Certificate from the Most Venerable Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

5 February 1911

Insp. Francis J. Fitzgerald, the leader of the ill-fated "Lost Patrol," made his last entry in his diary: "only go a few miles a day."



6 February 1932



First World War flying ace W.R. (Wop) May is recruited to assist the RCMP in finding and capturing Albert Johnson, the Mad Trapper of Rat River. With his assistance, Johnson is cornered and killed in a shootout.

7 February 1986

Cst. Brian M. Largy, Reg. No. 35383, a member of the Dease Island Highway Patrol unit in Delta, B.C., rescued a semi-conscious driver from a burning vehicle. His actions resulted in him being awarded a Commanding Officer's Commendation.

8 February 1948

Cst. Roger Philippe Arseneault, Reg. No. 13030, was presented the British Empire Medal at a ceremony at Depot Div. The award reads: "This Sick Berth Petty Officer has shown untiring devotion to duty under consistently difficult circumstances. He has been greatly responsible for the efficient transporting of injured and repatriated personnel landed in Halifax and was commended for his conduct during the recent magazine explosion there."

9 February 1974

Using mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, Cst. A.K. Withycombe, Reg. No. 29815, revives a student of the Notre Dame College fire at Wilcox, Sask., and earns a Meritorious Certificate from the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

10 February 1942

Honour Roll Number 71

Thirty-two-year-old 1st Officer Patrick Reginald Fairburn Milthorp, Reg. No. 12168, age 32, was killed when the HMCS "Spikenard" was torpedoed near Iceland during the Second World War.

11 February 1926

Actor and comedian Leslie William Nielsen is born at Regina, Sask. Nielsen was raised in Fort Norman in the Yukon, where his father, Ingvard Nielsen, Reg. No. 08098, was the Detachment Commander. One of his two brothers, Eric, served as Deputy Prime Minister of Canada in Joe Clark's government. He died Nov. 28, 2010 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. A member of the RCMP was present for his funeral.

12 February 1885

Parliament grants amnesty to Louis Riel, W.B. O'Donoghue, and Ambrose-Dydimé Lepine for their roles in the March 1870 execution of adventurer Thomas Scott at the Red River Settlement.

13 February 1970

The RCMP Air Division takes delivery of its first de Havilland Twin Otter. The first of six (CF-MPB, MPC, MPF, MPH, MPL and MPN) 20-passenger short takeoff and landing aircraft (STOL) are powered by two Pratt and Whitney PT6A-27 turbo prop engines and cruise at an average speed of 175 miles per hour. The Twin Otter becomes the work horse of northern flight operations and the fleet is based out of Yellowknife, Regina, Frobisher Bay, Inuvik, Whitehorse and Edmonton.



14 February 1911

Honour Roll Numbers 34, 35, 36, and 37

Members of the Lost Patrol - S/Cst. Samuel Carter, Reg. No. 2127, age 42, Insp. Francis Joseph Fitzgerald, Reg. No. 2218, age 41, Cst. George Frances Kinney, Reg. No. 4582, age 37, and Cst. Richard O'Hara Taylor, Reg. No. 4346, age 29, died from starvation, exposure and exhaustion, during the ill-fated MacPherson - Dawson patrol.

15 February 1965



After a two-year debate, and many proposed designs, Canada's new maple leaf flag is unfurled in ceremonies on Parliament Hill.

16 February 1918

Honour Roll Number 41

Cst. Alexander Lamont, Reg. No. 5548, age 30, died at Herschel Island, Yukon, from typhoid fever, contracted while nursing the Arctic explorer and anthropologist Vilhjalmur Stefansson.

17 February 1988

Member of Parliament, The Honourable John Crosbie presented pilot S/Cst. Colin N. MacLeod, Reg. No. 43056, (01885), a Commendation from the Canadian Port and Harbour Association and the Certificate of Merit from the Department of Transport for his rescue and evacuation of a seriously injured crew member from Motor Vessel "Humber Arm" during a blizzard. In addition, pilot S/Cst. MacLeod was presented the Commanding Officer's Commendation for "actions above and beyond the call of duty."

18 February 1965

Members from the Stewart, B.C. Detachment assist in the recovery of victims of an avalanche on Grandue Mountain. The avalanche killed 26 people at the Oranduc Copper Mine camp.



19 February 1970

Canada formally claims jurisdiction over the waters of the Northwest Passage, and between islands of Arctic Archipelago. The formal claim is made as a show of sovereignty, even though the RCMP have patrolled the area for decades.

20 February 1907

Cst. Archibald Gairdner, Reg. No. 4488, and S/Cst. DeCouta left Lesser Slave Lake traveling by dog sled to carry the mail to Peace Crossing, Fort St. John and Fort Graham. They returned May 17 after traveling 530 miles.

21 February 2004

During the largest snow storm ever recorded in Cole Harbour, N.S., Cst. Jamie Vacon, Reg. No. 46172, came to the aid of Melanie Edwards, an expectant mother who was in labour and could not get to the hospital. Thinking quickly, he drove a front-end loader snow plow up to her house and loaded her into the bucket and then delivered her to the waiting ambulance.

22 February 1978

S/Sgt. Paul Kouri was admitted as a Serving Brother of the Order of St. John by the Governor General of Canada Jules Leger.

23 February 1981

A Commissioner's Commendation was awarded to Cst. Barry Gray Shannon, Reg. No. 32523, at Burnaby, B.C., who pursued and arrested one of two suspects who had shot at a Vancouver City Police car while attempting to flee a crime scene.

24 February 1899

As a bugler at Depot, Cst. James Burke, Reg. No. 3101, was charged by Supt. Joseph Howe in the Orderly Room for sounding reveille four minutes late. For his crime, he was fined one dollar.

25 February 1940

Monogram Pictures releases another "Sgt. Renfrew" movie called "Murder on the Yukon."

26 February 1926

Insp. Frederick Mead, Reg. No. 5117, left Norway House, Man., by dog team and traveled 1,000 miles to Trout Lake in northern Ontario to investigate a complaint about two insane natives.

27 February 1977



The RCMP arrest and charge Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones rock group with possession of heroin with intent to traffic, and possession of cocaine. Twenty-two grams of heroin, five grams of cocaine and narcotics paraphernalia were seized. Richards is released on \$25,000 bail and is convicted in court, but instead of going to jail he is released on condition the Stones play two benefit concerts for the blind.

28 February 1916

As a result of their "very good service" in the investigation of a cattle rustling case near Calgary, Alta., S/Sgts. Joseph Dubuque, Reg. No. 3120, and John Goodrich, Reg. No. 4436, were awarded \$25 from the Fine Fund. In those days, a \$25 bonus was considered a considerable amount of money.

29 February 1892

A disability pension was issued to Cst. George B. Mills as a result of injuries he suffered to his head when his horse threw him while on a patrol from Regina to Wood Mountain. The Order in Council granted him a pension of 30¢ a day, to be reviewed annually. As a result of the head injury, Cst. Mills gradually lost his vision. George Mills had three regimental numbers because he was given Reg. No. 451 when he first engaged in the NWMP in 1876, and then was issued Reg. No. 93 when the Force created a new numbering system in 1878. Mills left the Force for a couple of years and when he re-engaged in 1885, he was issued Reg. No. 1259. He was invalidated out of the Force in 1891 and never recovered from his injuries. He died in 1921.

NATIONAL DIVISION

Headquarters — Ottawa, Ontario



RIDE TO REMEMBER: AN INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY

Every year, the law enforcement community gathers in September for the annual Canadian Peace Officers' Memorial to honour those who have passed in the line of duty. Whether participants march in the parade or observe it, this represents a very special moment of closure as family members, friends and colleagues are remembered. In recent years, a number of police officers have brought this commemoration to another level as they pay tribute to the fallen through events such as the Canadian Police Memorial - Ride to Remember.

National Div. Communications has met with two of our RCMP colleagues who have taken part in the Ride to Remember this year: Sgt. Lee Snelling, of Federal Policing National Security (FPNS) and S/Sgt. Stéphanie Rousseau, a member of National Div. who is now with Federal Policing Criminal Operations. They were pleased to share their journey and what it meant for them to experience the remembrance in a different way.

From the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ont., to Ottawa, four days of cycling, 705 km, four legs of 50 km during the first two days, at a pace of 30 km/h, the challenge was steep for the 170 riders from across Canada. Initiated by Niagara Regional Police over a decade ago, the RCMP has been participating for six years, starting with one representative, Sgt. Snelling, and establishing its own cycling team three years later.



"This is a way of honouring the sacrifice of our fallen heroes," said Sgt. Snelling. "Each year, we ensure that the RCMP is represented at two sister events, the National Peace Officer Memorial Run to Remember and the Canadian Police Memorial Ride to Remember. The Run is a three-day relay that starts in Toronto and meets up with the Ride in Brockville. Both events then finish together in Ottawa on Parliament Hill."

The RCMP Cycling Team was made up of 13 participants, nine riders, two motorcycle escort riders, and two members who took care of the logistics. For National Div., Sgt. Martin Roy and Cst. Guy Brassard also participated as riders, as well as S/Sgt. Luc Gratton and Cpl. Benoit L'Écuyer, who in RCMP uniform on RCMP motorcycles assisted with the police escort of the Ride.

Beyond the pain and endurance, both Sgt. Snelling and S/Sgt. Rousseau discovered a whole new dimension to honouring fallen comrades. "All day you are riding beside other police agency riders and having a conversation. You get to know them, their story, why they are riding, and telling them why you are riding," explained Sgt. Snelling.

S/Sgt. Rousseau said, "When you are on the bike, your mind wonders. Being part of this, you are surrounded by people, family members or colleagues who have gone through tremendous difficult times. Sometimes, as a police officer, you think about the situation where it could have been you. So there's a lot going through your mind."

S/Sgt. Rousseau and Sgt. Snelling were both able to ride with family members, partners or colleagues of our fallen comrades as part of this event. They realized how important the ride was for them, to have the opportunity to share their stories, to feel the support of the police community, and to know that their loved ones were appreciated and have not been forgotten.

"In a weird way, for me it was a bit reassuring. If anything were to happen to me, I know that my family would be taken care of – it would

be looked after. There's kind of a closeness as well as closure happening during the ride. It's inspirational. It's doing what you love for a good cause," said S/Sgt. Rousseau.

Part of the money raised by the Ride to Remember goes to the Memorial Fund to maintain monuments for peace officer memorials, and to provide funds for families of fallen officers and trust funds for the kids.

While the Ride to Remember is limited to 10 members/employees for the RCMP due to logistical reasons, Sgt. Snelling sends an invitation to employees to find more opportunities to run or cycle in support of different causes. As he concludes: "We are just a group of buddies who love riding bikes. It's a way we can come together as members and employees of the Force; wear the colours of the RCMP and represent the organization. I believe it's a great way to fly the flag."

For more information on Ride to Remember, visit <http://policeridetoremember.com/>

By Christine LHébreux

RCMP PIPES, DRUMS & DANCERS PERFORM IN CHINA

The National Division RCMP Pipes, Drums & Dancers completed a successful 12-day tour to China from Sept. 11-23, 2018. Fifty-three band members, both civilian volunteers and regular members, toured Shanghai and Beijing where they performed for huge audiences. The Shanghai Tourism Festival main parade was watched by 300,000 people in-person, with a



wider national TV audience of 200 million. The Band was very popular for several other smaller shows in Shanghai, and then in Beijing, where they were well received at the Canadian Embassy, and where they were able to climb a portion of The Great Wall.

UNICEF WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATED



On Nov. 20, RCMP National Div. welcomed Anosha, an active member of the RCMP National Youth Advisory Committee for the UNICEF #WorldChildrensDay - Kids Takeover. Anosha, pictured fourth from the right, visited our installations and met the members of the executive committee.

NATIONAL DIV. EMPLOYEES PERFORM LIP SYNC VIDEO

RCMP National Div. employees took on the "Lip Sync Challenge" with the song "Working for the Weekend" by the Canadian rock band Loverboy. Visit https://youtu.be/a_5e7_zFglM 📺



B DIVISION

Headquarters — St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador



EMPLOYEES HONOURED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE, BRAVERY AND SERVICE MILESTONES

In early November, police officers, civilian members and public service employees of the RCMP in Newfoundland and Labrador were honoured with awards for years of service and commendations for outstanding service and bravery. The awards were presented by A/Commr. Ches W. Parsons, Commanding Officer of RCMP Newfoundland. Commr. Brenda Lucki attended and congratulated all recipients.

The Commander's Commendation for Bravery was bestowed upon two police officers. When considering a regular member for such a commendation, there must be documented courage and bravery in the face of very dangerous circumstances.

The Commander's Commendation for Outstanding Service recognizes employees whose actions were innovative and unique and deemed important or exceptional at the regional level. Four employees were recognized with this commendation.

RCMP Long Service Award recipients have spent 20, 25 and 35 years as police officers, civilian members or public service employees in the service of the RCMP and their country. Thirty-four employees were recognized for years of service.



COMMANDER'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVERY

Cpl. Jason Butler

By swimming out into the frigid North Atlantic to save a woman, Cpl. Butler was in danger of personal injury, grievous harm or even death. He selflessly put his own safety at risk to save the life of another.

Cpl. David Hopkins

Cpl. Hopkins' composure and good judgement allowed him to effectively deal with an erratic individual who was intent on self-harm. Cpl. Hopkins' intervention led to the successful conclusion of an extremely unstable situation.

COMMANDER'S COMMENDATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Cpl. Trevor Baldwin

Cpl. Baldwin is officially commended for outstanding performance supporting the RCMP contingent involved in the Royal Nova Scotia Tattoo. Over several years, he invested countless hours to ensure the success of the RCMP Ceremonial Troop. Under his leadership he fostered esprit de corps and enhanced team building. In the Royal Nova Scotia Tattoo, Cpl. Baldwin's command of the RCMP contingent presented a positive public image on an international stage.

Cpl. Dave Emberley

Cpl. Emberley is officially commended for his significant contribution to the Expert Witness Program. As a well-respected member of the expert community his input has helped to ensure public safety in both the province and country. He has been a leader for change in the program, recruiting others to enter the program, mentoring them and dedicating his time and effort to providing stellar training.

Public Service Employee Rhonda Harte-Pittman

Rhonda Harte-Pittman is officially commended for her outstanding contribution to the safety and well-being of RCMP employees and their families. Under her leadership, processes, policies and training have resulted in a change in RCMP culture. Her work extends well beyond any expectations and ensured development of a health services team that delivers an outstanding employee wellness program. This program has become a shining example for national and provincial agencies, and for other police services.

LONG SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

20 Years

Supt. Holly Turton
S/Sgt. Stefan Henri Thoms
Sgt. Tracy Lee Edwards
Cpl. Michael Fewer
Cpl. Rene Paul Ozon
Cst. John Andrews
C/M Rick Wayne Hodge
C/M Edward Charles Newhook
C/M Mark Tucker

25 Years

Supt. Patrick Adrian Cahill
S/Sgt. Ignatius Columbus Hall
S/Sgt. D. Kent Osmond
Sgt. William Beisler Frisby
Sgt. Anthony Gerard Griffiths
Sgt. Wendy Smith
Sgt. Larry Ernest Clarke Turner
Sgt. Kimball George Vardy
Cpl. Benjamin Dyson
Cpl. Tracy Horwood
Cpl. Ann Margaret Noel
C/M Cynthia Nellie Parsons
PSE Stephanie Griffiths
PSE Gary Martin

30 Years

S/Sgt. Wayne Randell Edgecombe
S/Sgt. Norman Randell Freeborn (Rtd.)
S/Sgt. Alan Bryan Warner
Sgt. Clarence Albert Rose
Cst. Scott Thomas Thistle
C/M Mary Anne James (Rtd.)
C/M Mary Ellisa Powell (Rtd.)

35 Years

A/Commr. Peter Frederick Gerald Clark, M.O.M.
Sgt. Faron Harnum
Supt. Victor Joseph Park (Rtd.)
Cst. Ed Rossiter (Rtd.)

RCMP ATTENDS UNIFORMED SERVICES GALA

Wade Spurrell, the assistant commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard Atlantic, hosted the 10th annual Uniformed Services Gala on Oct. 13, 2018.



Photo by Robert Escott

The gala is a respected tradition among those who serve or have served. It was created to bring all uniformed services together in a relaxed and cordial mess dinner environment. A number of RCMP veterans and members attended this year.

The Uniformed Services Gala is held every October in St. John's. The gala is open to all ranks, retirees and their spouses.

POLICE SERVICE DOG AXEL LOCATES WANTED MAN IN WOODS

On Nov. 6, 2018, RCMP Police Dog Services (PDS) were in the Stephenville area conducting weekly training with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Police Dog Services.



RCMP Police Service Dog Axel was tracking as part of a training exercise when he immediately turned into the woods and began barking, indicating to his handler that a person was present hiding in the woods.

A 48-year-old resident of Stephenville, who was wanted in relation to several thefts in the local area, was located by Axel and found to be in possession of stolen property.

The man was arrested and released under conditions to appear at a future court date.

Axel, who proves he is never off-duty, resumed his tracking exercise and successfully located his toy hidden in the woods.

DEDICATING A BENCH TO MURRAY EVANS

On Oct. 26, RCMP veterans and friends gathered to commemorate the life of Murray Evans. His wife Stella and daughter Janine dedicated a bench with Murray's name and the RCMP crest on it in the Forest Road Anglican Cemetery in St. John's.



■ Stella Evans and her daughter, Janine, sitting on the bench surrounded by RCMP veterans. Photo by Helen Cleary- Escott

His daughter, Janine said, "The support of the RCMP veterans means a great deal to us. Growing up, I remember looking down over the stairs every morning seeing Dad doing his "calisthenics," (as he called them), vigorously shining his shoes or boots, and ironing his uniform, then setting off to walk to work, regardless of the weather. He took great pride in his identity as an RCMP member."

Supt. Evans spent 25 years of his career policing at various detachments in Newfoundland, including Harbour Grace, Glovertown, Ferryland, Whitbourne, Labrador City, Gander, and Corner Brook.

Supt. Murray Robert Evans passed away at age 81 on May 4, 2017. He retired in 1990 after 36 years with the RCMP.

HARBOURVIEW CAFÉ RENAMED TO HONOUR CST. TERRY HOEY

In the 60th year of Cst. Terry Hoey's tragic death in Botwood, the owner of the service station and café has renamed it. It is once again called the Harbourview Cafe in memory of Cst. Hoey.

Cst. Terry Hoey was 21 years old when he was serving in Botwood on Nov. 6, 1958. Cst. Hoey, along with two other RCMP



■ (L-R): Members of the B Div. Veterans' Association
- Eugene Hillier, Eric Murray, Law Power and from
GFW District Cst. Alex LeBlanc.

members, responded to a domestic dispute between the owner of a local restaurant and his son. A shotgun blast ripped through the wood of a closed door striking Cst. Hoey in the chest. He died at the scene.

A great part of his family's sorrow was in knowing that Terry had wanted to be a policeman all his life and that wish had led to his death.

Cst. Hoey was devoted to his church and helped build the St. Anne's Church in Peterborough, Ont. Unfortunately, the very first funeral held at the church was his own. Cst. Hoey was only three weeks out of training when he was killed. He is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in Peterborough. 📖

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C DIVISION

Headquarters — Montreal, Quebec

C DIV. PUTS SMILES ON FACES OF HUNDREDS OF SICK CHILDREN

On Sept. 12, over 80 Division members and employees showed that their hearts are in the right place by going to CHU Ste-Justine, over the course of a few hours, to bring joy to the lives of hundreds of sick children and their families.



Photos by Pascal Milette, Julie Laflamme and CHU Ste-Justine

delivered personalized messages written on posters specifically for the hospitalized children. A portable radio allowed patients to ask them questions from inside their rooms.

Special thanks to INSET for having organized this large deployment during which 500 teddy bears, purchased by our employees, were given to the children. Until next year, Ste-Justine!

By Cpl. Geneviève Byrne

TOUGH MOUNTIE: A SUCCESS FROM START TO FINISH

After two years in the making, the Tough Mountie challenge took place on Oct. 6, at the Percival-Molson Stadium in Montreal. It was quite the experience for the 420 participants and 227 volunteers in attendance. The event was both a challenge for elite athletes who

Many of our employees answered the call of colleagues from the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET) when several activities were organized to raise the spirits of young patients. Mascots, members in red serge, face painting, an armoured truck, Musical Ride horses, taking fingerprints - everything was there to make sure the event was a success.

The ERT surprised a few people when members of the group rappelled down the exterior windows of the hospital! They





Photos by Jean Martin and Guy Vincent

wanted to put themselves to the test and a family event. The most seasoned athletes took part in a 5K race that incorporates 25 obstacles, which included climbing a wall, carrying sand bags and climbing ropes. For some obstacles, participants had to put on some ERT or tactical troop equipment: helmet, weight vest, shield, etc. For other participants, a 5K road race without

obstacles was also planned, as well as an event designed for kids: a mini obstacle course with inflatable structures!

Given the many compliments we received, the RCMP and the Foundation of Stars should be very proud of their efforts! The event raised nearly \$70,000 that will help fund pediatric research.

Can we do it again next year? The challenge is on!

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CÔTE-NORD DETACHMENT, VALLEYFIELD DETACHMENT

The new Côte-Nord Detachment was officially opened Oct. 30 in Sept-Îles and the Valleyfield Detachment was opened Oct. 29. The detachments symbolize the RCMP's commitment to providing federal police services to Quebec's population. At the same time, the RCMP is reiterating its desire to fight cross-border organized crime.

The events unfolded in keeping with tradition and protocol, highlighted by our pipe major and members in red serge.

The detachments' prime mandate is to ensure the border's integrity and collecting intelligence



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in support of national security and organized crime investigations. Police officers work in close partnership with provincial, national and international government agencies.

The Côte-Nord Detachment opened to the public in October 2017, while the Valleyfield Detachment opened in September 2017. Both have modern, larger facilities that enable police officers to continue to serve the population. 🇨🇦

D DIVISION

Headquarters — Winnipeg, Manitoba

MANITOBA RCMP OFFICERS HONOURED FOR DEDICATION TO POLICING

At the Attorney General's Excellence in Law Enforcement Awards gala on Nov. 22, 2018, six Manitoba RCMP police officers were honoured for service to their communities and their dedication to public safety and policing. The event is hosted annually by the Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police. Each member was presented with an Excellence in Law Enforcement Award from Minister of Justice and Attorney General Cliff Cullen, for work throughout their careers.

"Congratulations to all six officers for their outstanding service to all Manitobans," said Scott Kolody, assistant commissioner of the Manitoba RCMP.

The awarded officers have made significant contributions to policing in the province in addition to serving the communities in which they work and live. They were recognized for their commitment to community partnerships in Manitoba, including:

- The resolution of numerous high-profile cases that took dangerous criminals off the streets;
- Numerous volunteer efforts to organize events within their local communities;
- Providing mentorship to youth as well as being engaged in the community;
- Creating, modernizing and advancing internal RCMP programs, such as the Critical Incident Program (CIP), the Emergency Response Team (ERT) and the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team (NWEST);
- Organizing and implementing police training programs;
- Contributions to front line policing and public safety.

The Excellence in Law Enforcement Awards were established by the provincial government in recognition of extraordinary efforts by police officers in Manitoba. Award recipients are selected by a committee with representatives from Brandon Police Service, RCMP, Winnipeg Police Service and Manitoba Justice.

More than 150 police officers have received this award to recognize their contributions to their communities, police service or the betterment of law enforcement in Manitoba.

EXCELLENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

S/Sgt. Douglas Ashton

Cpl. Brock Carson

Cst. Julie Coté

Cpl. John Hurley

S/Cst. Ryan Jack Linklater

Sgt. George William Whelan



■ (L-R): Minister of Justice and Attorney General Cliff Cullen, Cst. Julie Coté, who was presented with an Excellence in Law Enforcement Award, and A/Commr. Scott Kolody.

TWO MANITOBA RCMP ICE UNIT INVESTIGATIONS LEAD TO CONVICTIONS

In January 2017, the RCMP National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre (NCECC) alerted Manitoba RCMP to an image of child pornography that had been uploaded to the social media app KIK and the owner of the IP address was based in Churchill, Man.

The Manitoba RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) immediately launched an investigation. A search warrant was executed at a residence in Churchill where devices were seized. After examining the evidence, it was determined that the suspect had also sexually assaulted an adult female while she was unconscious.

A 21-year-old male from Churchill was charged with several child pornography charges, and Sexual Assault and Voyeurism.

On Oct. 23, 2018, he pled guilty to the charges and was sentenced to two years less a day subsequent to time already served.

In May 2017, the NCECC sent information to the Manitoba RCMP about child pornography uploaded to Google + Images with an IP address in Flin Flon, Man. ICE officers attended the residence and arrested a 21-year-old male suspect, who was found to be in possession of a device that could connect to the Internet, in breach of his probation.

The 21-year-old pled guilty to breaching his probation as well as possessing and accessing child pornography. He was sentenced to two years, less a day and was given a 20-year Sex Offender Information Registration Act order, meaning police have access to information provided by sexual offenders required to register.



The Book of Memory is a special tradition that is unique to Manitoba and is not only a solemn gesture of remembrance, but also a symbol of gratitude for their dedication and service to this province. A page is turned each and every day as a continual tribute to these officers.



OFFICERS HONOURED IN BOOK OF MEMORY

A/Commr. Scott Kolody and the RCMP Veterans' Association hosted the annual Book of Memory ceremony on Nov. 8, 2018, honouring the names of all officers of the North West Mounted Police, the Royal North West Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who have served in Manitoba since 1873 and have passed on.

Twenty-eight names were added this year - each representing a family, a history and a legacy of service that will be preserved for generations to come. 🇨🇦

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DEPOT DIVISION GRADUATES



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TROOP 27 (2017-2018) began training Dec. 4, 2017 and graduated June 11, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. N. Olson, Insp. A. Martin, C/Supt. T. Bates, Sgt. M. McGinley, Cpl. W. Hudym, Cpl. S. Schmidt.

Second row: E. Gagnon, O. Viger, J. McDougall, J. Abreu, J. Tjorhom, R. Parker, I. Gourramen, S. Thind.

Third row: Z. Leheniuk, J. Benedicto, A. Patten, R. Wiebe, J. Tremblay, R. Mitenko, J. Lefebvre, D. Chan, H. Vandepoele.

Fourth row: P. Belliveau, D. Veilleux, C. Genus, W. Ruitenbeek, J. Ramsay, M. Kang, A. Saxton, C. Settle.



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TROOP 28 (2017-2018) began training Dec. 11, 2017 and graduated June 18, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. G. Rochon, Insp. C. White, C/Supt. T. Bates, Sgt. M. McGinley, Cpl. K. Reid, Cpl. J. Muise.

Second row: V. Roy, C. Lafleur, A. Law, M. Fleming, M. Murray, K. Reid, M. Latouche, R. Lafleur, A. Shayli, S. Carmichael.

Third row: S. Lillie, T. Hor, R. Tonogai, R. Clancy, T. Lukye, S. Hylton, E. Lewis, G. Scott, N-M. Licari.

Fourth row: S. Friesen, J-P Bédard, J. Jorsley, D. Lemaire, J. Wieve, D. Forsyth, N. Reid, A. McAllister.

DEPOT DIVISION GRADUATES



29

TROOP 29 (2018) began training Jan. 8, 2018 and graduated July 8, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. M. Tamlin, Insp. J. Neufeld, Supt. N. Cross, C/Supt. T. Bates, Sgt. M. McGinley, Cpl. S. Derkatch, Cpl. M. Michon.

Second row: C. Dominie, T. Frigault, L. Cao-Adamson, E. Bujold, S. Doyle, B. Nunnamaker.

Third row: B. Morrison, N. Leach, A. Rafaelov, M. Levasseur-Brie, M. Sarafinchan, C. Larose, A. Bruyère.

Fourth row: R. Anderson, A. Hlushko, D. Payne, M. Malhi, A. Mant, J. Cullen, R. Ogilvie, W. Reynolds.



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TROOP 30 (2018) began training Jan. 22, 2018 and graduated July 23, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cst. J. Aimimir, Cst. A. Prosser, Insp. J. Vail, C/Supt. T. Bates, Sgt. M. McGinley, Cpl. S. Shaw-Davis, Cpl. K. Dupuis.

Second row: T. Nickerson, T. Pitt, A. Kambo, M. Hamon-Boulay, R. Gibbs, C. Giesbrecht, A. Awan, C. Kenny.

Third row: I. Dzafovic, A. Guerard, F. McLaughlan, E. Cormier, M. Maqsood, F. Cambay, L. Knechtel, W. Guérin, A. Simpson.

Fourth row: R. McLellan, A. Kuiper, G. Sanghera, M. McLellan, A. Euloth, D. Steeves, S. Robertshaw, C. Maignan.

DEPOT DIVISION GRADUATES



31

TROOP 31 (2018) began training Jan. 29, 2018 and graduated July 30, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. M. Berns, Sgt. M. McGinley, Insp. A. Martin, C/Supt. T. Bates, S/M B. Guilbault, Cpl. J. Beaubien, Cpl. I. Keo.
Second row: B. Corcione, S. Ramsay, J. Miller, W. Hachey, D. Fogarty, M. Abdalla, C. Hamilton, S. Elliott.
Third row: N. De Silva, B. Kane, L. Watts, J. Sousa, D. Thorne, W. Rodriguez, J. Archibald.
Fourth row: M. Jenkins, R. McPhail, D. Gauthier, R. Kerr, O. Castro, M. Osborne, G. Benoit, C. Ouellette.



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TROOP 32 (2018) began training Feb. 12, 2018 and graduated Aug. 13, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. E. St-Cyr, Cpl. R. Buller, Insp. C. White, C/Supt. J. Breton, S/M B. Guilbault, Cst. H. Monsees, Cst. G. Thomas.
Second row: K. Fiddler, G. Norman, M. Belanger, K. Arnold, J. Rojas, E. Aumand, S. Rogers, K. Labrie, D. Kim.
Third row: D. Clark, C. Amyot, P. Multani, T. Atchison, M. Wong, M. Grewal, N. Kuan, K. Cyrull, C. Dunkley, F. Carignan.
Fourth row: J. Hearn, M. Lelievre, J. Goulet, M. Cheema, B. Walker, J. Strother, A. Fisher, C. Helgeson, S. Rideout.

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TROOP 33 (2018) began training Feb. 19, 2018 and graduated Aug. 20, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cst. N. Johnson, Supt. N. Cross, A/Commr. J. Breton, S/M B. Guilbault, Cpl. N. Olson, Cpl. D. Miller.

Second row: V. Correa, D. Randhawa, C. Aguilar, M. Baxter, J. Villegas, A. Salloum, J. Lazoviks, S. Covillo.

Third row: B. Beattie, D. Anzulovich, E. Lewis, P. Chennette, J. Walters, N. Fabbri, C. Dewan, J. Bloom, J. Marleau.

Fourth row: M. Harding, C. Poole, K. Chicoisne, L. Kotur, M. Parker, V. Menard, J. Bachinski, J. Kohut.



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TROOP 34 (2018) began training Feb. 26, 2018 and graduated Aug. 27, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. R. Adlam, Cpl. G. Rochon, Insp. J. Vail, A/Commr. J. Breton, S/M B. Guilbault, Cpl. M. Fortin, Cst. P. Melanson.

Second row: C. Doctora, A. Schaning, J. Fafard-Franci, C. Thacker, L. Houghton, A. Duncan, M. Rakkay, J. Maclean, K. Schofield, P. Silva.

Third row: A. Riari, A. Maleki, M. Purdie, K. Courtney, C. Murphy, C. Gauthier, K. Leung, R. Dewani, L. Gleeson.

Fourth row: T. Battley, D. McKillop, T. Smaha, J. Crookes, G. Atwal, R. Orłowski, C. Watson, O. Désy-Marion, J. Marcoux, J. Stephens.

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TROOP 35 (2018) began training March 1, 2018 and graduated Sept. 3, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. J. Flynn, Cst. J. Neufeld, Cpl. J. Vail, A/Commr. J. Breton, S/M B. Guilbault, Cpl. C. D'Arcy, Cst. J. Perreault.
Second row: E. Viau, C. Sharpe, D. Somerville, M. Theriault, D. Baller, M. Johnson, S. Chau, V. Richard, M. Michaud, A. MacDonald.
Third row: P. Jeon, N. Fulford, M. Vettoretti, S. Barnett, J. Dhest, C. Rolland, E. Green, J. Crouse, M. Love.
Fourth row: N. Boisvert, M. Ouellet, J. Bailey, P. Caron, R. Garroway, T. Hooper, A. Clarke, M. Perna.



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TROOP 36 (2018) began training March 19, 2018 and graduated Sept. 17, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cst. M. Bradley, Cpl. A. Prosser, Insp. C. White, C/Sgt. T. Bates, Sgt. M. McGinley, Cpl. E. Dubé, Cpl. S. Brunet.
Second row: T. Bennet, B. Blencowe, P. Vashisht, B. Colford, J. Antal, M. Landry, I. Gareau, K. Jalbuena.
Third row: E. El Chantiri, J. Bajowsky, J. Malhi, C. Dumont, K. Maddison, S. Potter, N. Ryan, A. Ernst, L. Roy.
Fourth row: J. Crawford-Brown, J. Ghadban, K. Smith, J. Vessellie, M. Carriere, C. Wyntjes, B. Oliver, J-P. Morin.

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TROOP 1 (2018) began training April 2, 2018 and graduated Oct. 1, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cst. J. Baldwin, Cpl. R. Buller, Supt. N. Cross, A/Commr. J. Breton, Sgt. M. McGinley, Cpl. J. Rantala, Cpl. K. Ahlers.

Second row: K. Caswell, T. Hyndman, H. Healey, A. Robinson, S. Shearer, B. Evans, A. Greco, K. Llewellyn.

Third row: J. Castonguay, G. Brown, C. Deschamps, H. Al Ghaban, N. Striton, H. Huang, M. Smith.

Fourth row: J. Pankratz, J. McKay, G. Beauchamp, C. Lockwood, D. Dundas, E. Noel, R. King, E. Agiba.



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TROOP 2 (2018) began training April 9, 2018 and graduated Oct. 8, 2018.

(L-R) Seated: Cst. V. Carrie, Cpl. N. Olson, C/Supt. T. Bates, Supt. N. Cross, A/Commr. J. Breton, Sgt. M. McGinley, Cpl. B. Embury, Cst. R. Stark.

Second row: N. Hafner, S. Ross, H. Randhawa, B. Monks, A. Jaromamay, S. Coulombe, C. Freeman, M. Todd, T. Dhami.

Third row: Z. Dye-Wilson, J. Lynk, C. Phipps, P. Rivet, J. Stelnicki, B. Tangjerd, C. Joudry, T. Woo.

Fourth row: A. Bisson, D. Sheinerman, J. Hale, M. Cormier, R. Kniepkamp, T. Seymour, M. Macfarlane, M. Brillante, M. McIntee.

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19 **TROOP 19 (2017-2018) began training Sept. 18, 2017 and graduated March 26, 2018.**

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. B. Embury, Cpl. A. Prosser, Insp. A. Martin, C/Supt. T. Bates, S/M B. Guilbault, Cpl. K. Ahlers, Cpl. S. Boulger.
 Second row: M. Gupta, J. L. [unclear], E. Huneault, C. Braun, M. Céré, A. Villanueva, C. Quirion, F. Tsang, M. Devenish.
 Third row: T. Wallbank, M. [unclear], D. Beiersdorfer, L. Kelbert, W. Heeley, J. Gill, S. Morse, N. Cooper, M. Hildebrand, S. Haer.
 Fourth row: M. Gendron, M. [unclear], S. Pinning, M. Gillis, A. Verdurmen, A. Grewal, A. Huber, E. Coles, M. St-Marseille.



5 **AIR SERVICES SPECIAL CONSTABLE TROOP 5 began training June 11, 2018 and graduated July 27, 2018.**

(L-R) Seated: D. Veilleux, C/Supt. M. Arcand, C/Supt. T. Bates, Sgt. M. McGinley.
 Second row: Cpl. J. Neufeld, D. Wylde, E. Karrer, T. Brooks, R. Baird, Cpl. J. Matt.
 Third row: Y. Ehouarne, D. Cowan, S. Luck, A. Liviakis, B. Woodrow.

DEPOT DIVISION

Headquarters — Regina, Saskatchewan



RCMP ACADEMY RAISES OVER \$12,000 FOR MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

On Oct. 12, 2018 the RCMP Academy, Depot Div., hosted a Mess Dinner fundraising event. The RCMP Academy partnered with St. John Canada Foundation to raise funds for the Mental Health First Aid for First Nations Program in Saskatchewan offered by the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

The Mental Health First Aid for First Nations Program is designed to provide an opportunity for Indigenous participants and others who work with Indigenous people to learn and have serious conversations about mental health and wellness. This program is designed for participants to reflect on their life experiences, acknowledge the historical context of the colonization of Canada and move forward to address and explore ways to restore balance on a journey to mental health and wellness.

There were 159 people in attendance, representing several organizations and agencies: RCMP Depot Division, RCMP F Division, RCMP Veterans, Regina Police Service, Canadian Border Services Agency, Saskatchewan Sheriff's Office, The Canadian Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force), St. John Canada Foundation, Saskatchewan St. John Ambulance and the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

Entertainment was provided by the RCMP Pipes and Drums while guests mingled and were bidding on silent auction items.

The guest speaker for the event, Dr. Michael Dan, provided an insightful presentation on the importance of the Mental Health First Aid for First Nations Program. This event not only helped to raise \$12,137.72 for the cause but also greatly fostered esprit-de corps and comradery!

By Cpl. Mike Smook



■ (L-R): Cpl. Michael Smook, Cpl. Nicola Olson, Mireille Cyr, Cpl. Christopher D'Arcy, Dr. Michael Dan, Allan Bird, Cpl. Micheal Berns, Cpl. Mireille Chantelois, Sgt. Michael McGinley.

CHANGE OF COMMAND AT DEPOT

Depot Division's Change of Command took place on Sept. 7. This marked the ceremonial handover of authority from now RCMP Commr. Brenda Lucki to A/Commr. Jas Breton.



GOVERNOR GENERAL TOURS DEPOT

Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, undertook an official visit to Saskatchewan from Oct. 18 - 20, 2018.



On Oct. 19, the Governor General visited the RCMP Academy, Depot Div., to learn about their innovative training programs.

ATTENTION!!!! TO DETAIL?

Some of the most renowned nitpickers to frequent a police training venue would be the drill instructors, closely followed by equitation personnel. In fact, the police cadet was victimized and scrutinized from dawn to dusk. Every

aspect of a recruit's existence from five o'clock shadows to dusty boot soles, hair length, lint, buttons... the list seems endless. The 140 hours of equitation disappeared from RCMP training in the late 1960s due to the expense of maintaining 60 horses and the premise that the hours would be better spent learning police-related subjects.

There has always been an argument that foot drill tends to turn inductees into automatons, taking away their ability to think as individuals. The activity seems more appropriate for an army. It would be interesting to assess the investigative abilities of those who have experienced a curriculum containing foot drill versus those who have not.

Upon embarking on their careers, budding police persons are provided few tangible skills as a result of their indoctrination. Developing and improving the power to observe and honing attention to detail would surely be a talent enhanced through nitpicking. Care should be taken so as not to eliminate the single remaining source of enabling greater expertise at the scene of a crime. "Stand easy, look to your front!" says the commander. The troop complies but misses not a single event that is occurring around them. Perhaps there is more going on in foot drill class than we actually realize.

By Insp. Ian T. Parsons (Rtd.) 🐎

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E DIVISION

Headquarters — Surrey, British Columbia

RCMP OFFICERS AWARDED FOR VALOUR AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The 37th annual Police Honours Night was held at Government House in Victoria, B.C., on Nov. 22, 2018, where police officers from all over the province received commendations for acts of bravery and exceptional work in their communities.

Among those who were presented with awards by Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin and Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Mike Farnworth were 54 officers of all ranks from RCMP detachments and integrated teams across BC and one reserve constable.



“Each day RCMP employees go to work with the goal of making an impact in their communities by dealing with local crime, helping vulnerable people and being a positive influence for youth,” said D/Commr. Brenda Butterworth-Carr, Commanding Officer of the BC RCMP. “It was a privilege and an honour to be able to attend the 37th Annual Police Honours Night which recognized police officers from across British Columbia for their hard work, dedication, and exceptional service.”

The range of courageous actions and the examples of dedication to serving the public for which these officers were recognized ranged

from showing long-term commitment in solving a missing persons investigation, to performing dangerous rescue operations.

All honourees were selected by a committee of representatives from the BC Association of Chiefs of Police and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General’s Police Services Division.

COQUITLAM RCMP AND CANADA POST TEAM UP TO ARREST ALLEGED PROLIFIC OFFENDER

A 49-year-old Surrey man and a 40-year-old Surrey woman are facing multiple charges after a combined Canada Post-Coquitlam RCMP investigation into alleged prolific mail thieves that have been working the area for months.

Heine Hut and Charlene Saar, who are well-known to police and Canada Post, is currently facing multiple charges, including theft of mail, unlawful use of a mail key, possession of stolen mail, and possession of a stolen credit card.

“This was an effective interagency project and Canadian Postal Inspectors provided crucial expertise,” said Cpl. Michael McLaughlin with Coquitlam RCMP. “Once a primary suspect was identified, the Coquitlam RCMP Prolific Target Team made the arrests and then used search warrants to gather a large amount of evidence. The suspects are believed to be responsible for a large number of identity and mail theft over an extended period.”

LOCAL RCMP RECOGNIZED BY ROYAL CANADIAN HUMANE SOCIETY FOR THEIR BRAVERY

In late October, three deserved constables of the local Royal Canadian Mounted Police became bronze medal recipients and were formally recognized for their bravery by the Royal Canadian Humane Society.

On Oct. 26, 2018, 19 award recipients from all across British Columbia travelled to West Kelowna in order to take part in an awards ceremony held by the Lieutenant Governor of



■ Cst. Marvin Park, Cst. Lee Romanko and Cst. Ryan Routley were each presented with a Bronze Medal for the heroic actions they took on Sept. 10 in Kelowna.

British Columbia, the honourable Janet Austin, O.B.C. C/Supt. Brad Haugli, Officer-In-Charge of the RCMP in the Southeast District of BC, and Supt. Brent Mundle, Officer-In-Charge of the Kelowna Detachment, attended the event with pride alongside local dignitaries and special guests.

Three Kelowna Mounties – Cst. Marvin Park, Cst. Lee Romanko and Cst. Ryan Routley – were each presented with a Bronze Medal for the heroic actions they took on Sept. 10 in Kelowna. The Bronze Medal for Bravery is reserved for hero's who show extraordinary disregard for their personal safety in order to save a life.

On Sept. 10, the three general duty police officers worked together to rescue an unconscious and injured woman from inside her minivan after it had struck a light standard in the parking lot of a Kelowna hotel. A short time after being pulled from the vehicle, the woman's van became fully engulfed in flames. The woman survived the ordeal. The dramatic rescue was caught on camera from the room of a hotel patron.

RCMP LEGO POLICE OFFICERS AND THE HAMBURGLER KEEP AN EYE ON THE COMMUNITY

Three members of the Campbell River RCMP "Lego Squad" were busy on Halloween visiting several local schools and facilities in the downtown area.

The squad, which consisted of Cst. Grant Desmet, Cst. Mike Martin and Cpl. Krista Wallis, spread wishes to people to enjoy Halloween and remind them to be safe while trick or treating.



The Lego crime stoppers were accompanied by the Hamburglar, aka Sgt. Keith Stone, whom they apprehended earlier that day. The Hamburglar had learnt that crime does not pay and he promised to never take another hamburger without asking again. After visiting the Community Center and Library, the Lego Squad took the Hamburglar for some treats, without tricks, at the downtown McDonald's.

The Campbell River RCMP "Lego Squad" would like to thank all of the people they met for letting them participate in their Halloween events.



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F DIVISION

Headquarters — Regina, Saskatchewan

CARNDUFF RCMP: MORE THAN 70 GUNS STOLEN IN BREAK AND ENTER

On Nov. 21, Carnduff Detachment received a report of a break and enter to a residence outside Storthoaks, Sask. The home owner had been away for the past six weeks and returned to find his house had been the victim of a break and enter while he was absent.

Several personal items were taken from the residence. The homeowner is an avid gun collector and the preliminary investigation has determined that a large quantity of firearms was stolen from the residence. At this point it is estimated over 70 guns are missing; 46 prohibited handguns, 27 restricted handguns, three prohibited rifles and one restricted rifle and an unknown quantity of ammunition. It is believed that all of the firearms had been stored in accordance with firearm regulations.

This theft is currently under investigation with the assistance of the Yorkton Forensic Identification Section, Canadian Firearms Program and the Chief Firearms officer of Saskatchewan, National Weapons Enforcement Support Team, and Canadian Border Services.

SASKATOON RCMP PROVINCIAL GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION: FRAUD CHARGES LAID

On Oct. 3, 2018, Saskatoon RCMP Provincial General Investigation Section (GIS) were contacted regarding an alleged investor fraud and possible GoFundMe page fraud. The frauds allegedly occurred between March 9, 2017 and June 20, 2018.

Initial collaborative investigation with the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) – Securities Division, suggested an alleged investor fraud was running under the name Aero Capital Inc. Further evidence was discovered that a GoFundMe page in the name

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of #PrayForHumboldt had been created, with 35 victims contributing to the campaign – 21 from Canada and 14 from the United States. The page has since been taken down and the donators have been notified. This GoFundMe campaign had generated approximately \$3,800 before it was closed down.

On Nov. 20, 2018, Saskatoon Provincial GIS unit with the assistance of Martensville RCMP Detachment and Prince Albert RCMP GIS unit, arrested and charged a 32-year-old with the following:

- Fraud Over \$5,000
- Fraud Under \$5,000
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000
- Laundering Proceeds of Crime

LARGE SCALE MARIHUANA GROW-OPERATION INVESTIGATION SEIZES MORE THAN 7,000 ILLEGAL PLANTS

Blaine Lake RCMP and Saskatchewan RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit, with assistance from the RCMP Emergency Response Team executed three Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) warrants on Sept. 21, 2018: two in the Marcelin area, and one in Saskatoon. These warrants follow an extensive investigation into a large-scale illegal marihuana grow-operation at a rural property south of Marcelin, Sask.



A search warrant was executed at the rural property near Marcelin. Three individuals were arrested in the execution of this warrant and over 7,000 marihuana plants were seized.

A second search warrant was executed by the Emergency Response Team in the community of Marcelin. Various bank and phone records, a cell phone, and a laptop were seized.

A third warrant was executed at a residence in Saskatoon. Members from RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime and Saskatoon Integrated Drug Enforcement Street Team (SIDEST) conducted a search.

SWIFT CURRENT MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY RELATED OFFENCES


The Saskatchewan Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit has charged a man from Swift Current, Sask., with three child pornography related offences.

A 53-year-old man has been charged with the following:

- Possession of Child Pornography – Sec. 163.1 (4) Criminal Code (CC)
- Make Available Child Pornography – Sec. 163.1 (3) CC
- Accessing Child Pornography – Sec. 163.1 (4.1) CC

On Aug. 13, 2018, the ICE Unit began investigating the activities of a person who was downloading and sharing child pornography files through a peer-to-peer network. The investigation identified a Swift Current location where the offence was occurring. On Oct. 17, the ICE Unit executed a search warrant at this location where several computers, electronic storage devices, and a cell phone were seized. An analysis of these devices found evidence to support the charges.

The 53-year-old man appeared in Saskatchewan Provincial Court in Swift Current Nov. 21 where his matter was adjourned until Dec. 12.

The Saskatchewan ICE Unit is comprised of investigators from the RCMP, Regina Police Service, Saskatoon Police Service, and Prince Albert Police Service. Their mandate is to investigate crimes involving the abuse and/or exploitation of children on the Internet. 

G DIVISION

Headquarters — Yellowknife, Northwest Territories



NT RCMP CHARGE SUSPECTS WITH MURDER IN SUSPICIOUS DEATH

Northwest Territories RCMP have charged an 18-year-old male and a 49-year-old male with murder in the death of a male taxi driver at Stanton Territorial Hospital.

Elias Schiller, 18, of Yellowknife, and James Schiller, 49, of Yellowknife, have been charged with Murder s.235(1) CC. They were remanded into custody and scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 23, 2018 in Yellowknife.

The taxi driver was found unconscious in the back seat of a City Cab vehicle just outside Yellowknife's Stanton Territorial Hospital.

The man was taken into the hospital after he was found, but was pronounced dead shortly afterward, RCMP have said.

Northwest Territories RCMP Major Crimes continue to investigate, with assistance from Yellowknife Detachment, Forensic Identification Services, Police Dog Services and working with the NWT Coroner Service.

"While the investigation is still in early stages, we'd like to assure the citizens of Yellowknife and the community of taxi drivers that we have apprehended the suspect and there is no public safety risk at this time," said Marie York-Condon, NT RCMP Media Relations.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES RCMP FIU CHARGE 15 PEOPLE IN PROJECT GLOOMIEST

The Northwest Territories RCMP Federal Investigations Unit has laid charges against 15 people involved in the cocaine trade in the city of Yellowknife. The year-long investigation had over 1,425 grams of purported cocaine and two firearms seized during the course of the investigation.

The investigation began after the Northwest Territories RCMP received information from Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), Canada's Financial Intelligence Agency, regarding suspicious movements of money believed to be linked to the NT drug trade. This is an example

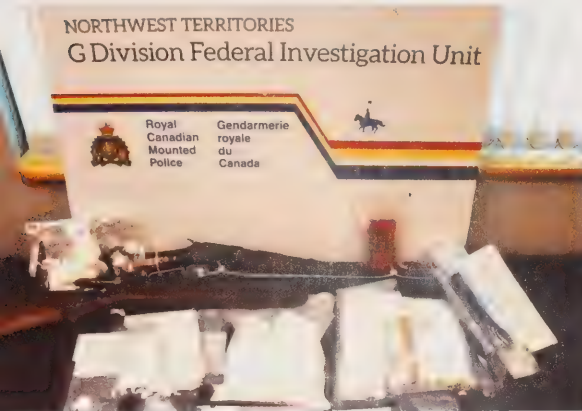


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of the partnership between the RCMP and FINTRAC and the ability to identify potentially illegal activity and conduct investigations.

The primary subject of this investigation was Toufic Chamas. The investigation quickly expanded to include several other people working in concert with Chamas. A separate cocaine trafficking network was also investigated.



■ Firearms, drugs and drug paraphernalia seized in Yellowknife.

The RCMP confirms that two search warrants executed earlier this year on May 4, 2018 were done as part of this investigation. Investigators had observed the unlawful transfer of a firearm during the course of their surveillance. Parts of the dismantled firearm were recovered during the searches. Toufic Chamas and Clayton Christensen have been charged with firearms offences in relation to this transaction.

The following people have been arrested and released for court at later dates:

Toufic Chamas (Age 23) Edmonton
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA (4 counts)/
unlawful possession of a Firearm S. 91(3) CC

Andrew Rheume (Age 24) Yellowknife
Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of
Trafficking S(2) CDSA

Clayton Christensen (Age 40) Yellowknife
Unlawful Transfer of a Firearm S. 101(2) CC

Abdifatah Maie (Age 40) Edmonton
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA (2 counts)

Toni Tobac (F) (Age 27) Yellowknife
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA (2 counts)

Brandon Topilikon (Age 26) Yellowknife
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA

Caitlin Stewart (Age 27) Yellowknife
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA (3 counts)

Julie Carter (Age 33) Yellowknife
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA (3 counts)

Arrest warrants have been issued for the following people:

Mohammed Ahmad (Age 20) Edmonton
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA (4 counts)

Abdikani Warsame (Age 27) Toronto
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA

Brett Lacey (Age 29) No Fixed Address
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA (3 counts)

Paul Mangiel (Age 27) Red Deer
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA (5 counts)

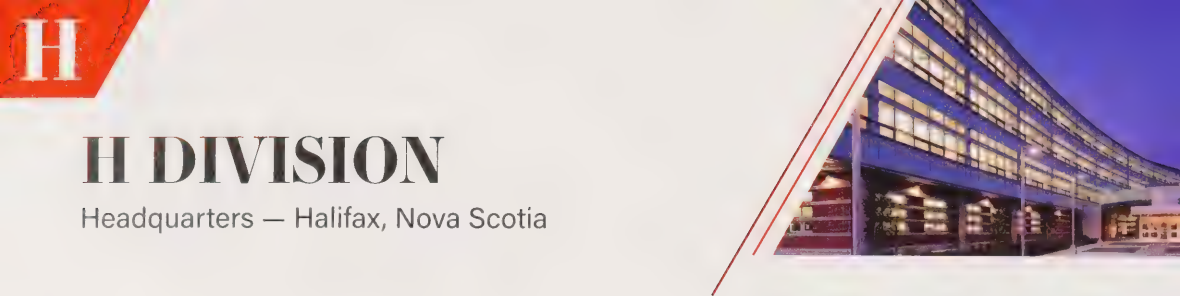
Rasid Abdula (Age 23) Edmonton
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA (3 counts)

Samatar Yousuf (Age 22) Ottawa
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA (2 counts)

Kerry Balsillie (Age 30) Yellowknife
Trafficking Cocaine S. 5(1) CDSA

“This was a very challenging investigation, compounded by the fact that many of the people we encountered were from out of town, and operated under pseudonyms. Extensive efforts were made to confirm the identity of these people who came to Yellowknife to exploit our most vulnerable citizens. In addition to trafficking cocaine, some of the individuals charged are alleged to have trafficked substitute substances that they represented as cocaine.

“While this is obviously profitable, it is a very dangerous activity that fuels violence associated to the drug trade, which puts both the trafficker and the general public at risk,” said S/Sgt. Dean Riou of the Northwest Territories RCMP Federal Investigations Unit. 📞



H DIVISION

Headquarters — Halifax, Nova Scotia

HONOURING CST. DESCHÊNES

September 12 marked one year since Cst. Frank Deschênes died while on duty with RCMP Northwest Traffic Services in Amherst, N.S. Frank was killed while he was stopped on the highway helping a motorist change a tire, near Memramcook, N.B. On the anniversary of his death, members across Nova Scotia held checkpoints where they passed out information cards about Frank and told drivers about their responsibilities under “Move Over” legislation (since renamed “Frankie’s Law” in memory of Cst. Deschênes). The checkpoints were intended to educate drivers while at the same time providing RCMP members a chance to talk about Frank and pay tribute to their fallen colleague.

♥ Cst. Frank Deschênes.



INVESTIGATION SUCCESSES

- In August, a First Degree Murder charge was laid against a Halifax man in relation to the June homicide of a Lunenburg County man. A First Degree Murder charge was also laid in relation to the death of a Cole Harbour woman who died in July 2018 after suffering a medical emergency as the result of a shooting. In July, an Antigonish man was charged with two counts of Attempted Murder following the stabbing of a woman and child at a home.
- Investigations by members across the division this quarter resulted in charges including Trafficking Cocaine, Oxycodone, Hydromorphone and Cannabis. Charges were also laid for Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Methamphetamine and Production of Cannabis. Weapons charges also resulted (including Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose and Possession of a Firearm while Prohibited,) as well as Money Laundering charges.
- RCMP Nova Scotia continued work on sexual assault files this quarter, charging a Middleton man with sexual offenses dating back to 1974 and a River Bourgeois man with sexual assault that also occurred in the 1970s. Members also charged an Upper Nine Mile River man with sexual assault, which occurred during a massage therapy session in Elmsdale in July of this year.
- Nova Scotia RCMP laid child pornography charges this quarter against three men and one woman. The men were from Blockhouse, White Point and Upper Granville and the woman was from Weymouth.

- Police responded to armed robberies across the division this quarter. This resulted in multiple weapons-related charges, including Robbery with a Firearm, Using a Firearm in the Commission of an Offence, Pointing a Firearm and Unauthorized Possession in a Motor Vehicle.
- Lunenburg District RCMP ended a five-day crime spree after responding to a complaint of a suspicious person in Robinson's Corner. The man was a suspect in a recent crime spree involving a stolen pickup truck, electronics, cash, a cell phone, prescription medication and identification. During the spree, the suspect assaulted a man and broke into multiple homes.
- Six people were arrested in September after a New Minas car dealership was defrauded of \$1.3 million dollars. They all face charges including Fraud Over \$5,000, Laundering Proceeds of Crime, and Possession of Proceeds of Crime.

WARNING THE PUBLIC ABOUT SCAMS

RCMP Nova Scotia warned the public about several scams this quarter and provided tips to help residents avoid becoming victims. One scam involved an extortion threat where suspects sent emails claiming to have video of the victim watching pornography, which they will release to the victim's contacts if they don't pay a sum of money.

A second scam involved "shortchanging," where a suspect asked a store clerk to make change for a bill, then distracted the clerk and convinced them that they owe the suspect more money than they actually do.

A third scam involved emails appearing to come from legitimate companies when they were actually coming from suspects hoping to gain access to victims' credit card information and personal data.

THE DANGERS OF KEEPING PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AT HOME

In July, RCMP teamed up with Halifax Regional Police and the Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia to remind people about the importance of cleaning out their medicine cabinets. The week-long social media campaign spread awareness of the dangers of keeping unused prescription and over-the-counter medications at home and reminded Nova Scotians that medications can be dropped off at any pharmacy in the province any day of the year.

PARTNERING WITH THE SPCA ON PAW PATROL CAMPAIGN

This September, the RCMP partnered with the Nova Scotia SPCA to spread school zone safety tips while helping to find homes for shelter animals. The "Back to School Paw Patrol" campaign featured animals up for adoption and safety messages shared through social media. By the end of the month, all featured dogs were adopted.

BYE BYE, BAYLEE

Police Service Dog "Baylee" had her last official shift on July 16 after seven years of dedicated service. During her career, Baylee responded to 3,100 calls for service, engaged in tracking 386 times covering 424 kilometers and located 132 people. Another 52 times, the

suspect wisely gave themselves up to police when they saw Baylee coming.

In August, Baylee's handler, Brent Bates, started a new position at Depot Div. Baylee travelled to Regina with the Bates family in her new role as the family pet.

■ Baylee.





CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

RCMP Nova Scotia was honoured to receive a Certificate of Recognition from Canadian Blood Services for its commitment to helping save lives through blood donation. For many years, the RCMP have been a proud supporter of Canadian Blood Services, participating in events such as the annual Sirens for Life blood drive with other first responders.

Yarmouth Superstore and the Yarmouth County Crime Prevention Association hosted an RCMP Appreciation Day this past September. It was an opportunity for community members to interact with RCMP members, including Police Dog Egan and his handler, Cst. Jeff Wall.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF SWISSAIR FLIGHT 111

In recognition of 20 years since Swissair Flight 111 crash, RCMP Nova Scotia held a ceremony of remembrance at its Nova Scotia Headquarters on the event's anniversary.

The ceremony included remarks from A/Commr. Brian Brennan and employees who responded to the tragedy back in 1998. To close the ceremony, doves were released as a symbolic gesture to acknowledge the 229 lives lost, whose memories will live on forever. 🕊️



NHQ DIVISION

Headquarters — Ottawa, Ontario

RCMP, CAFC INFORMATION LEADS TO THE DISMANTLING OF 16 FRAUDULENT CALL CENTRES IN INDIA

RCMP have confirmed with Indian authorities that an additional 16 fraudulent call centres have been dismantled since October. These fraudulent call centres were believed to be targeting Canadians by perpetrating Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) scam calls. This coordinated effort comes as a result of information provided to the Indian authorities by the RCMP with the support of the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC).

A total of 19 fraudulent call centres have been dismantled since September 2018. This latest development is part of a broad and long-standing international effort to address call centres that perpetuate fraud. This success has been a collaborative effort by the RCMP, the CAFC, Indian authorities and Five Eyes law enforcement partners.

POLICE MISSIONS TO HAITI, MALI, UKRAINE, IRAQ AND THE MIDDLE EAST GET SPECIAL OPERATION STATUS: OTHER MISSIONS RECEIVE STATUS RETROACTIVELY

The RCMP is committed to taking care of deployed Canadian police officers. On Nov. 19, Commr. Brenda Lucki announced that the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, the Honourable Ralph Goodale, has designated 10 police peace and stabilization missions as Special Duty Operations (SDO).

Special Duty Operations status gives these Canadian police peacekeeping missions status comparable to military peace and stabilization

missions, meaning police who have served on these missions may now be eligible for certain benefits, including appropriate health coverage.

When Canadian police officers began deploying to operations where the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) were not, the policy excluded them from benefits and coverage. With the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness designating missions as SDO, Canadian police officers can now have comparable status and benefits as CAF members while serving abroad.

"Canadian police are deployed to some of the world's most challenging places in the service of peace. They make significant sacrifices to serve overseas, living in danger and facing hardships while spending time apart from their loved ones. By designating these missions as Special Duty Operations, Canada is demonstrating the value and benefit of our police officers abroad, recognizing their service and sacrifice, and ensuring they are appropriately taken care of both during and after this tremendous service," said Commr. Brenda Lucki.

Since 1989, approximately 4,000 Canadian police officers participated in over 66 operations abroad. Canada deploys Canadian police officers to peace and stabilization operations through the International Police Peacekeeping and Peace Operations Program, which is managed by the Canadian Police Arrangement, a partnership between the RCMP, Public Safety Canada and Global Affairs Canada. These officers have established a reputation for excellence in international policing through their expertise, leadership, professionalism and dedication.

NEW RCMP COMMISSIONER WELCOMED AT REGIMENTAL BALL IN OTTAWA

The Ottawa Officer's Mess was pleased to host a regimental ball on Dec. 1, 2018. With participation from the General Mess and the Veteran's Association, 260 guests were welcomed to the Chateau Laurier Hotel ballroom. While annual regimental dinners or dining-ins have been organized regularly, the last time a ball took place in Ottawa was nine years ago.

Guests enjoyed a splendid dinner and impeccable service from the professional staff at the Chateau Laurier. Entertainment by the Sway Band following dinner kept people on the dance floor right up until closing.

The theme of the Ball centered on welcoming Commr. Brenda Lucki, who was the guest speaker. Commr. Lucki spoke about her vision for the RCMP, putting people first to deliver policing excellence for a safer Canada; to be a more innovative, inclusive and diverse

organization looking ahead to the 150th anniversary of the Force in 2023. Every day, employees should strive to do better, be kind – everyone can make a difference, and everyone should try.

A highlight of how our traditions have evolved over the years was illustrated by the attendance of Mel and Carol Dillon. Officer's Mess President C/Supt. Allen Williamson, shared the Dillons' story of returning to the same ballroom at the Chateau Laurier where 60 years ago a young Cst. Dillon proposed to his sweetheart. Mel, having met the recruiting criteria of the day being an unmarried man between 18 and 30 years of age, at least 5 feet 8 inches tall, and of "good health and fine moral character," graduated from Depot in November 1957, and was posted to Ottawa performing guard duties on Parliament Hill and at Rideau Hall. In 1958, Carol made the train trip from Toronto to

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Photo by Gilles Laframboise

attend their first regimental ball together. They were married three years later in 1961 having met the requirement of four years of service and \$1,500 in the bank that was required for RCMP permission to marry at that time.

Mel and Carol Dillon returned to Regina last year, where Commr. Lucki was then Commanding Officer, for his Troop's 60th

anniversary reunion. The workforce has certainly changed since the Dillons got engaged at a regimental ball in the Chateau Laurier in 1958. Representing the Veteran's Association, A/Commr. Graham Muir (Rtd.) spoke of his optimism for the times to come; honouring the positive aspects of tradition, but looking ahead and evolving our organization to meet the future.

By Jocelyne Smallian-Khan 🍷

J DIVISION

Headquarters — Fredericton, New Brunswick



MADD CAMPAIGN A REMINDER OF FATAL DRIVING RISKS

As a solemn reminder of the fatal consequences of driving while impaired, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), with the support of the New Brunswick RCMP, kicked off its annual Red Ribbon campaign on Nov. 1, 2018 with a display of dozens of white crosses outside the New Brunswick RCMP Headquarters in Fredericton.

The 120 crosses, adorned with red ribbons, will represent the numbers of lives lost, on average in Canada, each month as a result of impaired driving. A pair of crutches was also added to the memorial in recognition of the thousands of people who survive but are injured in crashes caused by impaired driving.



Last year in New Brunswick, alcohol and/or drugs were a factor, or the main cause, in a third of the motor vehicle fatalities, which left 22 people dead.

“These are devastating events for families, communities and our members. You would be hard-pressed to find a police officer who has not had to knock on someone’s door to tell them that their loved one, or loved ones, will not be coming home,” said C/Supt. Ross White, New Brunswick RCMP’s Core Policing Officer, Criminal Operations.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IDENTIFIES SIX COMMON INFRACTIONS

Codiac Regional RCMP, in its third quarter statistical report, identified six common motor vehicle infractions in Greater Moncton.

In a presentation, Supt. Tom Critchlow outlined the most common infractions based on tickets issued by the Codiac RCMP in the communities of Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview.

The number one violation in all three communities is vehicle owners having an expired registration. Other top violations include:

- Failing to have a current vehicle inspection certificate
- Vehicle not insured
- Driving without a licence
- Failing to stop at a stop sign or traffic signals
- Speeding

In the past nine months, close to 1,400 traffic tickets have been issued by Codiac Regional RCMP.

The Codiac Regional RCMP is committed to improving road safety by decreasing the number of collisions and the strategic traffic enforcement of drug and alcohol impaired drivers.

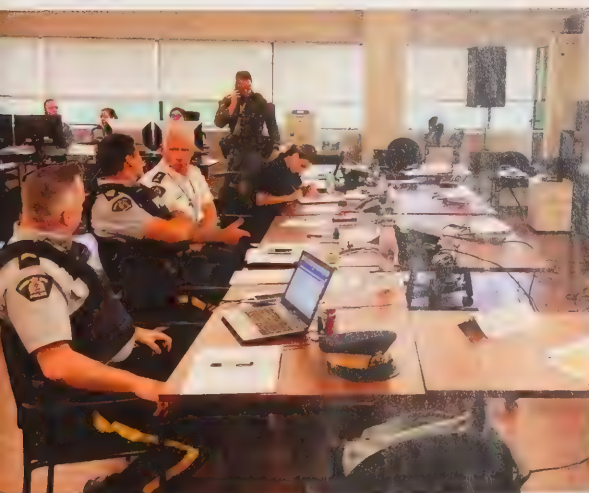
SUCCESSFUL LETR

The Law Enforcement Torch Run wrapped up the Antigonish leg for the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games in August 2018. Many thanks to the New Brunswick representatives for completing more than 1,700 km for a worthwhile cause.



RCMP MEMBERS SUPPORT REGIMENTAL FUNERAL FOR FALLEN FREDERICTON POLICE OFFICERS

A Command Post was set up at Fredericton Headquarters during a regimental funeral on Aug. 18, 2018 for Fredericton Police officers Cst. Sara Mae Burns, 43, and Cst. Robb Costello, 45, who died in the line of duty on Aug. 10. Lethal shots were fired by a shooter from an apartment window who was focused on the courtyard below.



The funeral was preceded by a parade of Fredericton Police members in uniform, joined by several other police agencies, RCMP members, and first responders.

Commanding Officer A/Commr. Larry Tremblay honoured New Brunswick RCMP's own on Nov. 2, 2018 at an appreciation ceremony. Units that assisted Fredericton Police after the tragic deaths of Csts. Burns and Costello were given Certificates of Appreciation. Employees and their families were invited to this event. A similar breakfast was scheduled in Moncton.

HAPPY NEW BRUNSWICK DAY

Happy New Brunswick Day from Cst. Christophe Bertrand of the Shediac Detachment.



Cst. Isabelle Beaulieu from RCMP New Brunswick Recruiting, and Media Relations officer, Cpl. Jullie Rogers-Marsh also wish a Happy New Brunswick Day to the community.



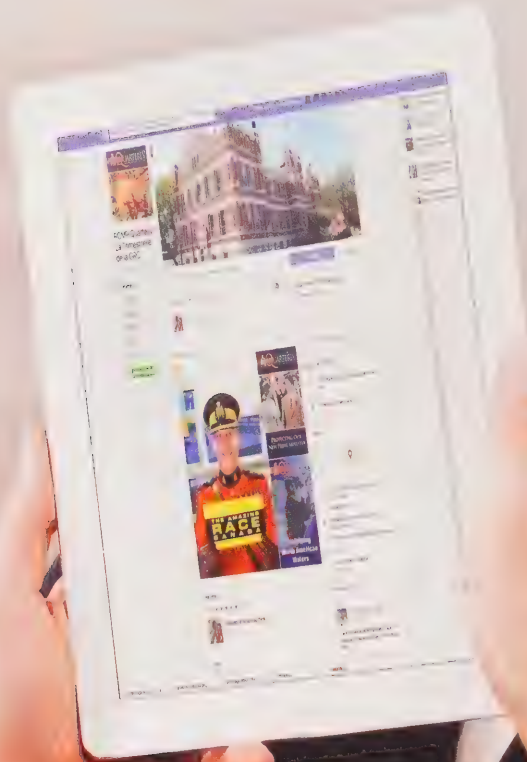


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K DIVISION

Headquarters — Edmonton, Alberta

GRADUATION

On July 30, 2018, Cst. David Vincent Fogarty, Reg. No. 64698, was presented his badge by his father Cpl. William T. Fogarty (Rtd.), Reg. No. 32838, during his graduation at "Depot." Cst. Fogarty is posted to Brooks Detachment, Alta.



CST. GOURRAMEN BECOMES FIRST HIJAB-WEARING MUSLIM MEMBER

The RCMP is committed to embracing diversity and has taken a huge step toward a more inclusive police force. K Div. is honoured to welcome the RCMP's first ever hijab-wearing woman into the Force: Cst. Imane Gourramen.

"The RCMP accepted me for who I am," said Cst. Gourramen, of Brooks Detachment.

Cst. Gourramen was born and raised in Canada and is of Moroccan descent. At age 23, Cst. Gourramen has broken a barrier for all women of different backgrounds and is a role model for aspiring individuals who demonstrate leadership in the pursuit of excellence.



■ Cst. Imane Gourramen.

"Every day I feel like I'm living a dream," said Cst. Gourramen. "In the beginning, I decided to join for myself. Now, I've realized that it actually goes beyond me and hopefully other women can choose to follow their dreams with the RCMP too."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PROVINCIAL CRIME MAP GROWING

On Oct. 10, 2018, Supt. Mike Good, Operations Strategy Branch, announced that the Alberta RCMP Crime Map Program is now accessible on more than 60 community websites. The crime map first launched in February 2018 in St. Albert as an innovative online tool that assists the Alberta RCMP in tackling crime. Residents can see reports of criminal incidents (including theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle, break and enter, theft over/under \$5,000, mischief and missing persons reports) received within the last 14 days. The crime map also shows where these criminal activities take place.



In just a short period of time, there has been an increase in public participation. Following the announcement, the map received more than 800,000 views with an average of 8,176 views per day. Citizens can use the crime map to develop sound crime prevention habits for their families and their communities, and encourage citizens to report suspicious activities.

ALBERTA RCMP HONOUR FALLEN OFFICER WITH REGIMENTAL HEADSTONE

The Edmonton RCMP Veterans' Association raised funds and paraded alongside serving members of the Alberta RCMP to honour Cpl. Maxwell George Bailey, Reg. No. 4968, with a regimental headstone.

On April 23, 1913, Cpl. Bailey and three constables from his detachment were dispatched to a farm near Grassy Lake, Alta., to investigate a report of a man shooting at his neighbour. As the RCMP team approached the house, the suspect, Oscar Fonberg, began shooting. Cpl. Bailey was killed and the other officers were wounded.

More RCMP quickly arrived and the shooter was soon located by a member who was riding his horse to the murder scene. At trial, Fonberg was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Cpl. Bailey.

Cpl. Bailey was given a regimental funeral and recorded on the RCMP Honour Roll as the 39th RCMP member to have died while executing their duties. However, no proper regimental headstone was obtained and installed.

Bailey Boulevard at the Canadian Police College in Ottawa, Ont., was named after Cpl. Maxwell G. Bailey, and Bailey Court at Depot Div. was also named after him. His name is commemorated on the K Div. Wall of Honour.

The RCMP tradition of courage is rooted in the brave actions of young men like Maxwell Bailey. We hope, over 100 years later, that this marker will inspire quiet reflection on Cpl. Bailey's ultimate sacrifice, and the many officers who have done the same in the service of fellow Canadians.

♥ Alberta RCMP honour fallen officer with regimental headstone.



K DIV. FINDS EFFICIENCIES THROUGH NEW CALL MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

On Nov. 13, 2018, Acting A/Commr. John Ferguson gave Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley a tour of Alberta RCMP's new Police Reporting and Occurrence System (PROS) Data Centre. The PROS Data Centre, along with the Division's new Call Back Unit (CBU), are the key elements of the Division's Call Management Initiative designed to enable frontline members to dedicate more time conducting patrols and investigations and less time behind a desk burdened by paperwork.

Staffed by experienced RCMP members, the CBU process diverts non-emergency calls for service that are neither time sensitive nor pose a threat to public safety to the CBU instead of frontline members. CBU members will connect with the caller and take it from there. If further investigation is required on the ground, the police file will be transferred back to the frontline member for follow-up.

Since its inception in February, the Data Centre and Call Management Initiatives are seeing positive results:

- The CBU diverted and answered 3,853 calls for service which would have previously been dispatched directly to RCMP frontline members.
- These calls realized a savings of 9,390 hours, representing the workload of nine General Duty constables in one year.
- The PROS Data Centre Pilot Project has reduced data entry for participating RCMP frontline members from approximately 30 minutes to three minutes and 30 seconds, not including travel time.
- Based on 868 police files entered since the pilot program launched in June, the PROS Data Centre has saved 375 hours of data entry time for RCMP frontline members, not including travel time.

The Call Management Initiative continues to represent Alberta RCMP's commitment to modernize in every area to place more officers where they belong.

CURTIS ZABLOCKI BECOMES ALBERTA'S NEW COMMANDING OFFICER

A/Commr. Curtis Zablocki is taking over as the top Mountie in Alberta, replacing D/Commr. Todd Shean, who is retiring after 32 years of service.

A/Commr. Zablocki has been heading the Saskatchewan RCMP for the last two years, but has spent the majority of his near three-decade career in Alberta, including as a deputy criminal operations officer.



■ A/Commr. Zablocki.

"In a rapidly changing world, the traditions and values of the RCMP are more critical than ever. As we focus on the safety of Albertans and Canadians, we do so ensuring that we treat everyone with respect and dignity. I'm looking forward to implementing the RCMP's Vision 150, which focuses on our people, our culture, our stewardship and our policing services," said A/Commr. Zablocki.

Zablocki will be promoted to deputy commissioner once assuming the new job. 📄

L DIVISION

Headquarters — Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island



RCMP FEATURED AT AIR SHOW ATLANTIC

The Air Show Atlantic took place Aug. 24-26, 2018 at Slemmon Park, Summerside, and featured the RCMP Atlantic Region Air Services Airbus helicopter and the Pilatus airplane along with L Div. Recruiting.

This service provides airborne law enforcement and transportation to the RCMP in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P.E.I. and Newfoundland and Labrador, offering quick support and making them an invaluable policing operational tool. Their versatility and flexibility are especially important when time is a factor.

Some of the vital services provided include: locating persons and property; identifying illegal activity; assisting the Emergency Response Team and Tactical Troop;

photographing automobile collisions and crime scenes; conducting search and rescue operations; assisting with contingency planning for school safety; providing border patrol; and assisting with special events.

It was a great weekend with excellent shows and great turnout from the public.

AMAZING RACE COMES TO P.E.I. WITH TEAM MOUNTIE

Prince Edward Island and L Div. employees cheered on Courtney and Taylor Callens of E Div. in their quest to win The Amazing Race Canada: Heroes Edition this summer. Team Mountie captured first place for their competition on the Island bringing big smiles to everyone!!

♥ Members with GO TEAM MOUNTIE signs.



PRIME MINISTER VISITS THE ISLAND

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in good hands while visiting Prince Edward Island during the past summer. He even had a chance to provide retiring member, Cpl. Gord Campbell, with a certificate celebrating his imminent retirement.

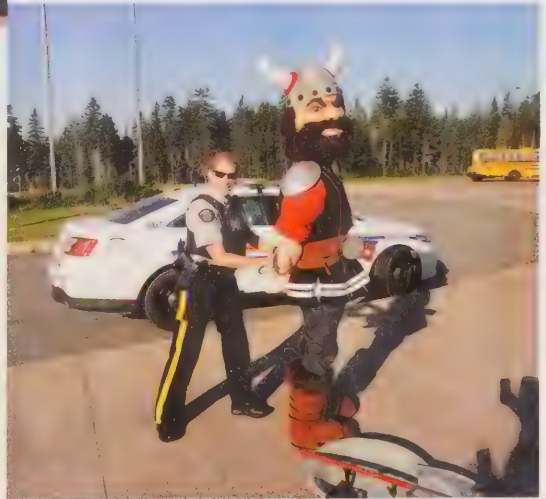


PHOTOS OF VIKING BEING ARRESTED AT FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Kings District RCMP responded to a "VERY large, suspicious" male welcoming students at the entrance to Montague High School.

A Viking was taken into custody without incident for possessing a large axe and shield, but after a chat, he's likely heading back to school.

■ Mascot being arrested by Cst. Kim Dudley.



NEW PDS CANINE OFFICER TAKES HER PLACE ON THE TEAM

L Div. welcomed a new Police Dog Service member "Jule" to Prince Edward Island late last summer. She was born on Aug. 31, 2016.



Cpl. Periard, her handler, said Jule has what it takes - small but mighty and displays lots of potential. Her ability to learn and her desire to work is very impressive. She's fast, alert and very aware of her surroundings and Cpl. Periard is confident in Jule's abilities as she matures and becomes more familiar with police work in her new role.

Jule completed her training on Sept. 7 and is now on full duty covering all three RCMP districts and is available to assist municipal forces when needed.

RCMP SHINE IN GOLD CUP PARADE

Since 1962, Islanders and visitors gather for the annual Gold Cup and Saucer Parade in conjunction with Old Home Week. RCMP across Prince Edward Island, accompanied by the RCMP Pipes and Drums Band and our

equestrian guest Nyk, were a very popular addition to the many floats and displays that wound through the streets of Charlottetown on Aug. 16. 🇨🇦



M DIVISION

Headquarters — Whitehorse, Yukon Territory

HUMAN REMAINS IDENTIFIED AS MISSING B.C. MAN

Nearly nine years since human remains were located on a trail in Whitehorse, the remains have been identified and the investigation has been concluded.

On Oct. 23, 2009, a mountain biker was traveling along a trail located off the Long Lake Road in Whitehorse when he discovered what he believed to be a human skull.

The RCMP were called and members of the Forensic Identification Section, Police Dog Service, Whitehorse RCMP Detachment and Major Crimes Unit responded.

A ground search was conducted by RCMP officers, both on foot and via ATV, and an extensive grid search was done by Police Service Dog Ryder and his handler. No further remains were located.

In the weeks that followed, an autopsy, forensic anthropology work, and DNA analysis were completed on the remains. In late November 2009, the remains were confirmed to be those of a male of unknown age and ethnicity.

Over the course of the next several years, the investigation continued. Tips were followed up on, leads were pursued, and DNA

comparisons were completed with a number of missing people in hopes of solving the case and providing answers to the family.

On Sept. 6, 2016, two mountain bikers found themselves off course while biking a power line southeast of the Long Lake Road in Whitehorse. While carrying their bikes up a steep incline in a very rugged area, they came across a small backpack, walking pole, decayed clothing and other items that appeared to have been there for a number of years.

This location was 220 metres from where the human remains had been found in 2009. This may not appear to be a far distance from where the skull was found, but the location was actually on the far side of a very steep hill, in extremely rugged terrain.

In September 2016 and May 2017, further searches were completed of the area and additional items were recovered, including currency, a flashlight, watch, sunglasses, clothing and other supplies.

No identification was found, however a personal digital assistant device – severely deteriorated from being exposed to the elements for many years – was among the items recovered.

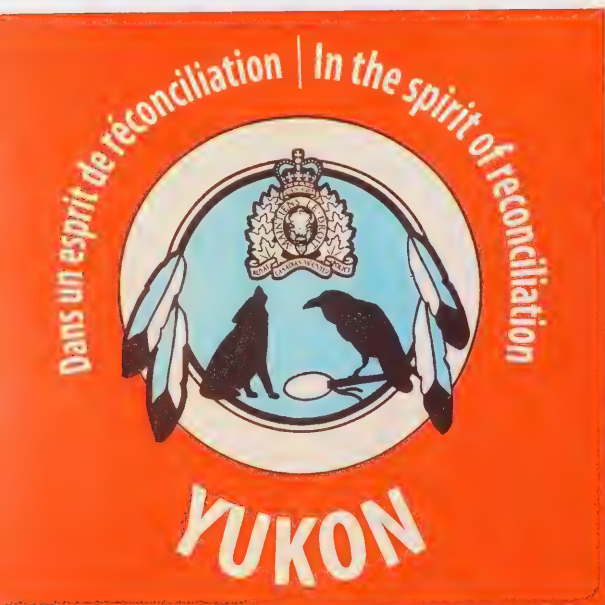
In July 2018, a Whitehorse General Investigation officer confirmed that the digital device had been purchased online by a Port Coquitlam, B.C., man in 2006. Further investigation determined that this man had been a missing person since 2007.

In August 2018, the human remains were confirmed to be those of Terry Fai Vong of Port Coquitlam. Vong would have been 41 years old at the time his remains were discovered. The investigation determined that his death was not suspicious in nature.



The successful conclusion of this investigation was a collaboration between the Yukon Coroner's Service, Yukon RCMP Major Crimes Unit, Forensic Identification Section, Police Dog Service, Yukon Search and Rescue, Whitehorse RCMP General Investigation Section, Whitehorse RCMP and Coquitlam RCMP.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS - YUKON RCMP EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE ORANGE SHIRT DAY



On Sept. 28, Yukon RCMP employees from all over the territory wore orange to honour and remember residential school survivors and their families.

YUKON SISTERS IN SPIRIT WALK

The Yukon Sister in Spirit campaign is held on a yearly basis on Oct. 4, with a walk, prayers and inspirational speakers. This year, it was an honour to have the Sisters in Spirit walk begin from the Whitehorse RCMP Detachment. RCMP officers, partners, government, community organizations, as well as family and friends of missing and murdered Indigenous women all gathered in front of the RCMP detachment prior to beginning the walk, which went down Main street to the healing totem then proceeded to the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre fire pit.



HAINES JUNCTION WELCOMES NEW DETACHMENT COMMANDER

The RCMP in Yukon is pleased to announce the selection of a new Commander for Haines Junction Detachment.

Following a selection process that included input from local partners, Cpl. Geoff Peters was chosen as the Detachment Commander for Haines Junction RCMP.

Cpl. Peters joined the RCMP in 2006 and spent the first part of his career in Nova Scotia. In 2012, he transferred to Carcross and was promoted to Detachment Commander one year later. Following Carcross, Cpl. Peters worked as Detachment Commander in Teslin until transferring to his current position in Haines Junction.

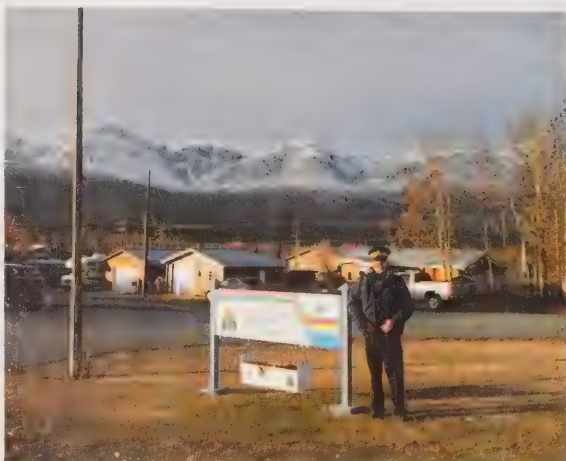
“Geoff brings extensive knowledge of policing our Yukon communities. He understands the challenges and opportunities that are unique to northern communities and is focused on building on a positive relationship with the village, Champagne-Aishihik and Kluane First Nations. We know he will bring the same level of professionalism and enthusiasm to Haines Junction and Burwash Landing that he brought to Carcross and Teslin,” said District Advisory Officer Brad Kaeding.

Cpl. Peters has a background in forest engineering and enjoys using this knowledge out on the vast Yukon terrain. “Having now served in three Yukon communities, I understand

■ Cpl. Geoff Peters in Haines Junction.

the value of being involved and giving back to your community through programs, being out on the land, and setting a positive example for youth. I am looking forward to working closely with local community groups, strengthening partnerships with Haines Junction and Burwash Landing and contributing to road safety.”

Cpl. Peters replaces Cpl. Ryan Hack who transferred earlier this year. 🐾



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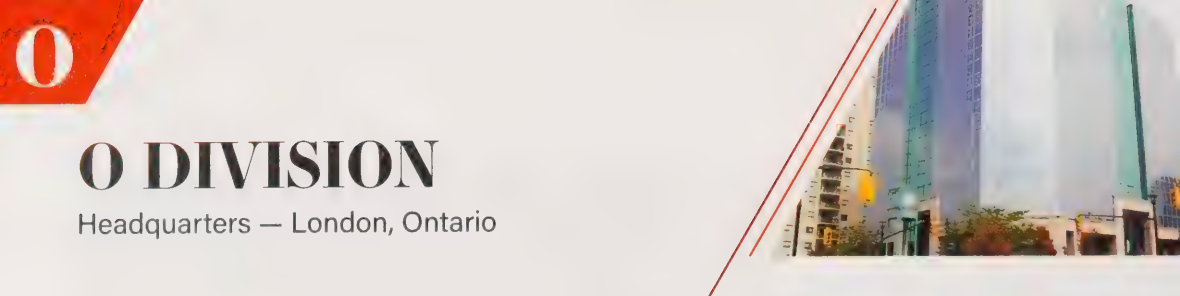
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O DIVISION

Headquarters — London, Ontario

COMRADERY REINVIGORATED AT NORTH EAST DISTRICT REGIMENTAL DINNER

On Sept. 19, 2018, Cornwall Detachment hosted the North East District Regimental Dinner in Cornwall, Ont. The Officer in Charge of Cornwall Detachment, Insp. Sue Black would like to thank our guest of honour, Commr. Brenda Lucki; District Chief Lazore from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne; our community law enforcement partners; retired members and all categories of employees who made the evening most enjoyable. A special thank you to our master of ceremonies, S/M Rob Akin, who presided over the evening and kept everyone in line with RCMP traditions and protocol, all while fostering a light atmosphere.

As tradition dictates, the junior member at the dinner was served his meal by the highest-ranking officer.

Laughter erupted throughout the room when Commr. Lucki fed Cst. Brad Morrison the first bite of his meal in the same way that his mother might have done when he was a youngster; hearing the Commissioner making airplane noises was a moment for all to remember.

Since hosting this event, we have received much positive feedback on the regimental dinner and words like honour, tradition and comradery were used on several occasions. The goal was exactly that, to reinvigorate and to demonstrate that we do need to look at our past to see where we want to go. There is no better





RCMP ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY EFFORT TO END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Recognizing that child sexual trauma and abuse is not solely a law enforcement issue, RCMP's O Div. Commanding Officer, C/Supt. Michael LeSage was honoured to have attended the Voice Within Fundraiser in support of The Gatehouse on Oct. 4th.

The Gatehouse is a Toronto-based program that provides formal and informal support, community and resources for those impacted by childhood sexual abuse.

"I encourage all law enforcement to use organizations like The Gatehouse as a resource to ensure that mental health needs are provided for those victims of child exploitation or human trafficking that they may come in contact with," C/Supt. LeSage urged.

The fundraiser features the sale of art pieces by artists, most of whom have overcome, or are on their own personal journey of healing from sexual trauma.

The National Child Exploitation Centre, which is part of the RCMP's Canadian Police Centre for Missing and Exploited Children & Behavioural Sciences Branch, has seen a 488% increase in reports of online child sexual exploitation offences against children from 2011 to 2017.

"Although these numbers illustrate the growth of this crime type in Canada, they also reflect the public's increased awareness of this issue and determination to report these offences to law enforcement," C/Supt. LeSage said in his address to the crowd.

He went on to say, "It is reassuring to know that there are organizations such as The Gatehouse, who through their dedication, care, and compassion are able to provide a safe atmosphere for the difficult healing process. The collaboration of law enforcement

way to do that than holding such a dinner. The "torch has been passed" to younger attending members to continue with the long-held traditions, values, esprit de corps and to fondly cherish and remember where we come from.

The Regimental Dinner Committee would like to thank the O Div. Officer's Mess for their generous contribution.

The money generated from the fines, the "get out of jail free" cards, the sale of commemorative glasses, the extra monies from the projected finances and the generous donations collected at the dinner, all totalling \$1,288.51, will be donated to the O Div. Slain Police Officer Fund. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL SIRENS FOR LIFE BLOOD DONOR CHALLENGE IN LONDON

Thank you to those who participated in the London area, Canadian Blood Services Annual Sirens for Life blood donor challenge (July 1 – Aug. 31)

The campaign brought in over 100 much needed blood donations. Elgin Middlesex Detention Centre had the most with 24 and Middlesex London EMS came in 2nd with 19. RCMP came in at a respectable 12 donations.

agencies, non-government organizations and industry partners is key to increased success in combatting the further victimization of children and in helping victims overcome trauma.”

SUDBURY DETACHMENT CELEBRATES 87 YEARS OF SERVICE AS THEY LOWER THE NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA ONE LAST TIME

On Oct. 19, 2018 in a short but significant ceremony, S/M Rob Akin received permission from Acting O Div. Commanding Officer C/Supt. Michael LeSage to lower the National Flag of Canada one last time and officially close Sudbury Detachment. The flag was then presented to the Detachment Commander, Cpl. Denis Rivest.

Sudbury Detachment was opened on Nov. 7, 1931 as part of O Div. The first constable to be stationed there was Cst. E.R.S. Pink. In the 1940's the RCMP rented space from the Department of Public Works and moved Sudbury Detachment to the Federal Building.

Construction of a new detachment commenced in 1958 and the new quarters at 1310 Sparks Street, which was occupied on Jan. 9, 1959, would remain home for the RCMP until it closed on Oct. 19, 2018.

“For 87 years, RCMP employees have “Maintained the Right” in service to the community of Sudbury, to our Division and to the Force. Your contributions have, and are, fully appreciated by the Commanding Officer and all employees of O Division. Well done,” S/M Akin said.



■ Federal Building and Post Office where the RCMP Sudbury Detachment was located during the 1940's until Jan. 9, 1959.

The ceremony was attended by current and some past members, some of whom traveled great distances, to take in the historical moment and to honour their time in Sudbury, which they hold dear.

THE RCMP AND PRIME MINISTER'S YOUTH COUNCIL AGREE: “PERSONAL RESILIENCE” KEY TO COUNTERING RADICALIZATION OF YOUTH

On Oct. 21, 2018, RCMP Commr. Brenda Lucki was privileged to have the unique opportunity to meet with the Prime Ministers Youth Council in Toronto.

The Prime Minister's Youth Council is a group of young Canadians who provide non-partisan advice to the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada. They meet both online and in person several times a year to discuss issues of importance to them and to all Canadians.

The RCMP was invited to participate in a panel discussion on Counter-Radicalization of Youth alongside Ritu Banerjee, Senior Director of the Canada Center for Community Engagement and Prevention of Violence at Public Safety.

“The opportunity to get input from youth and their thoughts around counter-radicalization was one that we could not pass up,” said Supt. Lise Crouch, O Div. Assistant Criminal Operations National Security. “It is vital that the RCMP O Div. Integrated National Security Team (INSET) - Public Engagement Unit's (PEU) approach to counter radicalization of youth is responsive to their needs and reality.”





📌 **RCMP Commr. Brenda Lucki fully engaged in discussion with a member of the Prime Minister's Youth Council.**
Photo by Government of Canada Youth Secretariat

Supt. Crouch and Sgt. Param Dhillon from the PEU, attended with the Commissioner to seek input as well as share their strategy to address challenges faced by youth in building and sustaining “personal resilience” as a core criteria in countering radicalization to violence.

The RCMP was pleased to hear the youth echo the same sentiment that PEU members have been focusing on while developing their prevention-intervention strategy – “personal resilience” is key.

Youth leaders around the table discussed the importance of prevention in pre-criminal space, engaging youth, families and community, and supporting community-led initiatives as the way of the future and the right approach.

“I was so impressed with this group of young people. Their enthusiasm and genuine interest in the important issues that affect us all was inspiring,” said Commr. Lucki. “I am so grateful to have been able to tap into their point of view and learn from them.”

The co-relation between “personal resilience” and “national resilience” was well understood by these youth leaders. The dialogue between Commr. Lucki and the PM’s Youth Council reaffirmed the RCMP’s strategic focus on “personal resilience” and community engagement efforts in prevention-intervention in the GTA and SW Ontario - we are on course to reduce the risk of youth radicalization to violence and will achieve long-term success for young Canadians.

RCMP CELEBRATES THEIR LGBTQ2 COLLEAGUES AT OUT OF THE BLUE GALA AND AWARDS NIGHT

RCMP officers and employees were proud to be among the 300 guests to attend the Serving with Pride (SWP) Out of the Blue Gala and awards night in Toronto, on Oct. 13.

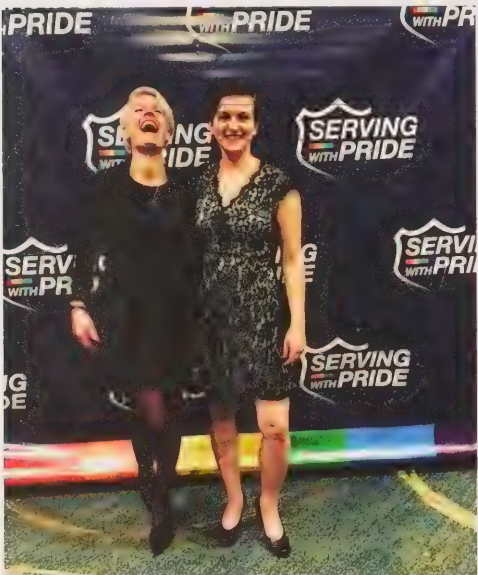
The evening was a celebration of LGBTQ2 personnel from the police, corrections and criminal justice professions and featured speakers, award presentations, dinner, live music, dancing and a silent auction to raise money for the SWP training and outreach programs.

The RCMP congratulates the three award winners:

- LGBTQ2 Ally Award: Cst. Karlene Krusch, Peel Regional Police Service
- LGBTQ2 Youth Award: Mackenzie Costello
- LGBTQ2 Visibility Award: Csts. Erin and Erin Toth, Halton Regional Police Service.

“It is only through the support of many, that we can break down barriers, build bridges with our LGBTQ2 communities and create safe and supportive work environments for our police, corrections and criminal justice professionals,” said Jean Turner, Co-chair of SWP and RCMP Civilian Member.

RCMP officers and employees at the Serving with Pride Out of the Blue gala and awards night.



The RCMP remains committed to fostering an inclusive, diverse and equitable work environment reflective of the communities we serve and celebrates our diverse employees from coast to coast.

HNRD MEMBERS TAKE TO THE HARBOUR

On Aug. 18th, members of Hamilton-Niagara Detachment and the South West District office, participated in the Hell in the Harbour Endurance Race held at Bayfront Park in Hamilton. The nine-member team which had

representation at all ranks from constable to inspector put their fitness and endurance skills to the test.

Hell in the Harbour is an endurance run which takes place across a 6-km course spanning Hamilton’s waterfront with over 15 challenging obstacles. This event blends community pride with historical Canadian tradition as participants get to board the H.M.C.S. Haida and tackle obstacles designed and operated by serving members of Canada’s Armed Services.

All proceeds of the event go to support the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics Ontario. Through their fundraising efforts, Hamilton-Niagara Detachment was able to raise a total of \$1,180.00 in support of the worthy cause.

All of the participating members agree that Hell in the Harbour proved to be a fun filled day of fitness and team building while supporting a great cause. HNRD’s elite team completed the course with ease and look forward to making this an annual team event.

TORONTO NORTH EMPLOYEES TRAIN IN JAPANESE MARTIAL ART

Time away from the work desk to participate in some fitness activities is time well spent, for work productivity and mental well-being. The O Div. Fitness Team is recognizing the various employees around the Division who dedicate their time and specialized skills to provide fitness classes in their respective detachments to our employees.

The Toronto North Detachment’s multipurpose fitness room is reserved every Tuesday and Thursday, from 2 to 3 pm for any Toronto North employee who wishes to train in a Japanese martial art known as Yoshinkan Aikido.

Advanced students begin to understand that maintaining their own balance is essential if they are to unbalance an attacker. Their techniques gradually become less reliant upon their own physical strength and the attacker’s pain compliance.

The Toronto North dojo is managed by RCMP regular members holding 4th and 3rd degree instructor ranks. These instructors are



permitted to promote students up to the rank of 2nd degree black belt.

There are no fees to participate in Yoshinkan and any employee, regardless of their fitness level and martial arts experience, from the beginner to the advanced, is welcome. Come out, learn something new, meet people and enjoy the fun!

FUN CHARITY BIKE RIDE FOR THE UNITED WAY

On Oct. 5, 2018, employees from London HQ Detachment participated in a fun Charity Bike Ride from St. Thomas to Port Stanley. The event helped raise a total of \$465 for the many wonderful charities supported by the United Way. 🚲





V DIVISION

Headquarters — Iqaluit, Nunavut

POLICE SEEK PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WITH IQALUIT FIRES

During the early morning of Nov. 8, 2018, five fires were lit within the city limits of Iqaluit, Nunavut: the Northmart, three vehicle fires and one rubbish fire at a vacant residence. Following a thorough investigation, these five fires have all been deemed to be arson.

In relation to the Northmart arson, a youth has been charged with:

- One count of Arson with disregard for human life contrary to Sec 433 (a); and
- One count of Public Mischief contrary to Sec 140

The Iqaluit RCMP continue to investigate the fires, along with a single report of a break and enter that occurred while the elder's home was evacuated.

The Iqaluit RCMP are requesting the public's assistance related to these investigations.

If you have information that could further the investigation, please contact the Iqaluit RCMP



NUNAVUT RCMP SUPPORT WIDOW WHO LOST HER FIANCÉ

RCMP Cst. Graham Holmes, who was stationed in Kugluktuk, Nunavut's westernmost community, died tragically in a snowmobile accident on April 6, 2018.

The community and RCMP family quickly rallied around the deceased 30-year-old officer's grieving spouse, Kelsey Foote, who now says the tiny Northern hamlet will always hold a special place in her heart.

Understandably, Foote struggled in the wake of her husband's sudden death in April. But a \$10,000 cheque that arrived in her mailbox following a grassroots community fundraiser will help carry on Holmes' legacy – some money will go to a scholarship fund, and some will go back into Kugluktuk to support a sports program for the hamlet's youth.

The money was collected outside the RCMP detachment in the community, where people gathered for an impromptu vigil after the death.

"It's just so wonderful and so touching," said Foote of the donation.

The Kugluktuk recreation department, or more specifically its youth lacrosse program, will receive a donation in Holmes' memory.

The idea is for Holmes to continue "to help and do good for people," said Foote.



CELEBRATING PRIDE AT HALL BEACH

June 1 is the first day of Pride Month. Cst. Tyson Richard and Cpl. Brendan Harkness celebrated by putting up a Pride flag in the front lobby of the Hall Beach RCMP Detachment. Eighteen community members and family from eight community organizations joined them. Cst. Richard's wife, Kristina Richard, baked cookies to mark the occasion and a reception was held at the detachment to open up the celebration of Pride. 🍪

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BOOK REVIEW

WOMAN IN SCARLET

By Karen L. Adams

Published by Adams Enterprise;
Vancouver Island, B.C.; 240 pp.

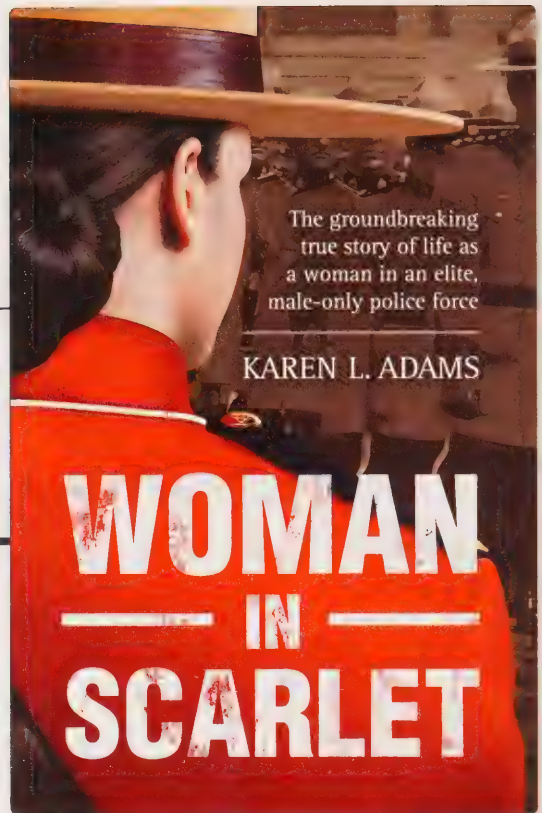
It's a bit cliché, but I could not put this book down.

Make no mistake, *Woman in Scarlet*, by Karen L. Adams, is a very good book. I was inclined to read it for a couple of reasons. First, Troop 17 (or Troop First as it is called in the book) was formed exactly five weeks after my troop began training at Depot.

Bowing to political pressure, and omnipresent demands for wage and workplace equality, the RCMP assembled its first troop of 32 women on Sept. 16, 1974. Karen Adams, a native of Winnipeg, was among the first women to join. *Woman in Scarlet* is her memoir, in which she reflects on her 28 years in the RCMP. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, and it was a policing career marked by success, pride, discrimination, injustice and despair. Told with sincerity, honesty and a touch of humour, this book is captivating and well-written.

As I read this book, I could not help but draw parallels with my own career.

Adams' experiences at Depot were not unlike my own. We had many of the same instructors, and formed the same opinions about them. We worked very hard, developed a strong sense of camaraderie with our troop mates, and were bound and determined to succeed. Since females were a new addition to the organization, they experienced frustrations that their male counterparts did not. One of these, reported



with an abundance of humour, was the uniform issued to female members. At the time, females were not permitted to carry visible firearms, and these had to be stored in very lady-like black leather purses. Similarly, the so-called granny shoes were scorned and ridiculed by the female recruits, as were their oddly shaped triangular ties. And, unlike the male recruits who wore more traditional khaki-coloured fatigues, the females were required to don navy overalls, similar to those worn by garage mechanics.

Adams' first posting was to Thompson, a rough and tumble mining community in northern Manitoba. As the first female police officer to set foot there, Adams was greeted by a watchful community and a skeptical RCMP workforce. To the chagrin of some male members, she quickly demonstrated her ability to diffuse tense situations by using the verbal communication skills acquired at Depot. But she was also subjected to harassment and discrimination by male members, and this unacceptable behaviour would blemish the Force's reputation for many years. Adams' place in an unashamed boy's club left an indelible mark on her, one that she would carry for the remainder of her career.

As the author shares her personal and professional struggles with the reader, it is hard not to be emotionally affected by her plight.

At length, Adams describes the day-to-day situations she faced as a young Mountie. The author also spent time on Winnipeg Drug Section, excelled, and seemed to enjoy this plain-clothes assignment. But before long, she was back on detachment. Adams married a man from Barbados, whom she later divorced, but not before giving birth to two daughters. At that time, the Force was concerned about the possible public perception of biracial marriages, and this contributed to the author's anxiety. And, as a single mother, she had to balance the competing interests of raising children with her pursuit of a challenging career.

RCMP. Karen Adams was one of these brave women who, with courage and determination, put her mark on the history of Canada. Karen's career was marked with both triumph and disappointment, as she faced gender discrimination and the challenges of a single mother but, in the true spirit of the determination she always showed, she refused to give up. Her memoir is a frank and, at times, chilling account of her life journey, told with brutal honesty but also with the courageous yet positive outlook that I have always respected. I am proud to call her my troop mate."

In her new-found career, it was obvious that Adams was happy. However, she made it clear that she intended to remain a strong advocate for

“...Forty-four years ago, 52 young women arrived at Depot and changed the face of the RCMP. Karen Adams was one of these brave women who, with courage and determination, put her mark on the history of Canada...”

- FORMER RCMP COMM. BEVERLEY BUSSON

Over time, Adams realized that her true calling might be that of an instructor at Depot. After all, she was educated and had continued her post-secondary studies with conviction. She did two tours of duty at Depot, but the possibility of another transfer loomed large. And off she went to Thompson, for a second time. Fueled by her strong desire to teach, Adams eventually took her retirement from the Force. She accepted a staff position at Grant MacEwan University in Edmonton, Alta.

When asked about *Woman in Scarlet*, Donna Morse, a troop mate of Adams, said, “The book is a look into the life of one of the very first females to be accepted into the uniformed ranks of the RCMP. With passion and purpose, Karen describes her highs and lows in adapting to the ever-changing role as a police officer and single mom, while continuing to fulfill her life-long ambition. The book is a touching, poignant, and brutally honest autobiography that keeps the reader captivated right to the end.”

Former RCMP Commr. Beverley Busson added, “Forty-four years ago, 32 young women arrived at Depot and changed the face of the

social and political change within the RCMP. She also acknowledged that she had suffered from undiagnosed Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) throughout much of her RCMP career.

In my more recent conversations with her, Adams indicated that, one day, she would write her personal memoir. She did, and I am very pleased that Adams followed through on that commitment. This worthwhile book may well form part of the author's legacy.

Reviewed by S/Sgt. Michael Duncan (Rtd.)

About the Reviewer

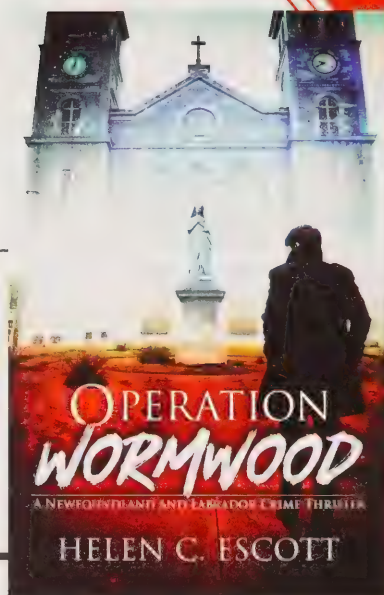
S/Sgt. Michael Duncan (Rtd.), Reg. No. 31637, is a 30-year veteran of the Force and is the Chair, Board of Trustees, for *the Quarterly*. Retiring from the RCMP in 2003, he immediately joined the Bank of Canada as the Justice System Specialist. Two years ago, he returned to the RCMP as a public servant in Central Departmental Security Section at NHQ division.

BOOK REVIEW

OPERATION WORMWOOD

By Helen C. Escott

Published by Flanker Press;
St. John's, Nfld.; 278 pp.



News headlines today are full of stories about the physical and mental abuse of some of Canada's children in care. And just who are the dark shadowy perpetrators of such criminal behaviour; what can be done to stop them? These are the themes of Helen C. Escott's first novel, *Operation Wormwood*, a drama set in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Escott was a civilian member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who worked as a communications strategist in Newfoundland and Labrador. Escott uses her experiences in the RCMP to bring to life a mystery set in St. John's, about an unexplained and horrific illness affecting people from very different backgrounds. Those stricken by the illness, marked by agonizing pain and blood loss, appear to have nothing in common except their symptoms, and the epidemic is spreading.

Enter the two main characters of the story, Dr. Luke Gillespie of the Health Sciences Centre in St. John's, and Sgt. Nicholas Myra of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. Both men become passionately involved in unraveling the mystery behind the illness. Adding to the

dynamics of their investigation is the equally passionate Father Peter Cooke who, as Roman Catholic Rector of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John's, believes he has the answer to the riddle, and he means to disclose it in dramatic fashion.

Escott's thriller, presented in the form of a traditional "who done it" mystery, is notable in that she attempts to challenge the readers' conception of how modern society seeks to understand confusing and troubling events. Dr. Luke Gillespie represents health science's desire to identify physical illness and restore health, while Sgt. Nicholas Myra pursues law enforcement's goal to uncover the guilty and obtain justice. But these two fact-based approaches are not all there is to getting to the truth.

The real tension of the story is provided by an alternate approach in the form of the church. Father Cooke challenges the investigation and epistemology of the police officer and the doctor. Could it be that in our modern age, where the scientific revolution has so thoroughly undermined "belief" that God

“DO WE ACCEPT THE WORLD AS ONLY KNOWABLE THROUGH HARD AND COLD FACTS, OR IS THERE ROOM FOR BELIEVING THE UNKNOWNABLE?”

— INSP. GIBSON GLAVIN (RTD.)



■ Helen C. Escott is the author of *Operation Wormwood*.

might truly exist? Whether or not the reader is satisfied with the conclusion of Escott's novel will depend, in large part, on one's own beliefs. Do we accept the world as only knowable through hard and cold facts, or is there room for believing the unknowable?

In *Operation Wormwood*, Escott has succeeded in creating a very interesting story line, and while her characters are rather cliché for a crime thriller, they do move the drama along. Readers who are familiar with the city of St. John's and

its history (and I think the author underestimates the number of people who are) may find Escott's frequent inclusion of historical facts to be a little awkward. However, for those who have not experienced this fascinating part of Canada, they may be inspired to visit the locations described in *Operation Wormwood*, and bringing Escott's first novel along as a guidebook to retrace its main characters' steps may make the visit even more enjoyable.

Reviewed by Insp. Gibson Glavin (Rtd.)

About the Reviewer

Gibson Glavin is a retired inspector who spent over 31 years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He resides near Edmonton with his wife and children and is a public policy consultant.

Scarlet & Gold

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RCMP

On May 23, 2018, the RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division, held a vigil at the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood to mark the 145th anniversary of the RCMP. Reveille at 6 a.m., like Depot, started the day with the bugler's call. With the rising of the sun, members and veterans started the vigil. Every 30 minutes, Piper Graham Muir, a veteran, led the changing of the sentries and a call was sounded by the bugler, Charles Armstrong. At 11 a.m., all gathered for a ceremony to remember our fallen. Several officials, including a representative from our International Police Liaison Officers here in Canada, laid wreaths to remember those who served Canada, and our thoughts were also with their families who supported them.

The vigil will be held every year, building momentum for a special commemoration in 2023 to mark the 150th anniversary of the

RCMP. You are welcome to join us every May 23rd at the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood and remember to mark your calendar for 2023.

The cemetery can be visited at any time. In addition to the monument, the site includes a cenotaph with the honour roll of those who died in the line of duty; two Bison head columns surrounded by 13 maple leaves representing the 10 provinces and the three territories we serve; and a memorial flame accompanied by two black granite columns.

The RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood is for all employees of the RCMP – regular members, civilian members, Public Service employees and their families. It reflects the sense of family that is a distinguishing factor in the lives of RCMP employees.



■ A vigil was held at the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood to mark the 145th anniversary of the RCMP.

NOVA SCOTIA DIVISION HONoured BY VETERANS OMBUDSMAN

A Support & Advocacy Team with the Nova Scotia Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association received a Veterans Ombudsman Commendation. The Ombudsman is an impartial and independent officer, reporting directly to the Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada.

In 2012, the Nova Scotia RCMP Veterans' Association initiated the Support and Advocacy Committee after recognizing the lack of available assistance and support in pursuing VAC pensions and other retirement issues for RCMP veterans and their families. The committee has evolved over the past six years and developed various strategies to support both retired and serving RCMP members and families.

They successfully developed a trained group of Division-wide counsellors who provide meaningful responses to requests and organized training courses for veterans wishing to engage in the program, as well as, delivering 14 informative workshops in all corners of the

province for veterans and their spouses. Further assistance has been developed to support spouses and families through the post-death realities of pension transition and benefits continuation. The current co-directors, Vic and Jan Gorman, also developed a Guide for Survivors and Executors that has been adopted by the RCMP Veterans' Association Canada-wide.



■ Veterans Ombudsman Guy Parent presents Vic and Jan Gorman with their Ombudsman Commendation.

This growing organization now consists of 28 members spread across Nova Scotia. This past year alone, they handled 400 cases.



LARRY POWER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT A HIT

On Aug. 27, 2018, the RCMP Veterans' Association held the third Larry Power Memorial Golf Tournament in St. John's, Nfld. It was once again a very successful event. The weather cooperated with sunny skies and a comfortable temperature.

This year, we had one of the largest tournaments with 12 teams (47 participants). It was great to see so many people. Some came

▲ Congratulations to our winning team: Leigh Desroches, Terry Lane and Dave Dort, Rod Kavanagh pictured with Leo O'Brien.

from as far away as Gander, Nfld. Thanks to Lindsay Fraser for taking the time to come in for this tournament.

Following the tournament, everyone enjoyed a nice meal provided by the staff at Clovelly Golf Club.

The winners were Leigh Desroches, Rod Kavanagh, Terry Lane and Dave Dort. The team of Jim Hare, Bob Humes, Rosemary Hare and Joan Humes were a close second.

Thanks once again to Leigh Desroches and Rod Kavanagh for organizing our annual Larry Power Memorial Gold Tournament. We hope to see everyone again next year. 🍷

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Abdallah, Insp. R.	0.3248	HQ	2018-10-26	Dumaine, Cpl. K.	47308	E	2018-08-10
Achtymichuk, Sgt. J.	49783	K	2018-09-26	Dupuis, Sgt. C.	45770	HQ	2018-08-24
Adam, A/Commr. J.	0.2063	HQ	2018-08-10	Edmonds, Insp. B.	0.3244	D	2018-10-12
Alain, Cpl. M.-A.	52419	C	2018-08-07	Ellis, Cpl. H.	46963	HQ	2018-10-31
Angeles, Sgt. E.	47198	HQ	2018-09-23	Ennis, Cpl. T.	54909	E	2018-08-17
Arbour, Sgt. N.	50666	J	2018-08-07	Fetterman, Cpl. N.	55225	K	2018-10-22
Aspen, Sgt. K.	42056	F	2018-09-28	Flynn, C/Supt. M.	0.2887	HQ	2018-09-27
Babineau, R.	C/7798	J	2018-09-16	Forest, Sgt. F.	46130	D	2018-08-13
Baker, Cpl. D.	51913	E	2018-08-09	Fowler, Cpl. M.	54985	B	2018-09-26
Bell, Insp. R.	0.3236	H	2018-08-03	Fraser, Cpl. K.	54147	E	2018-09-17
Bennett, Sgt. L.	50185	K	2018-08-27	Friel, Cpl. E.	55892	J	2018-09-02
Berger, Sgt. J.	51048	H	2018-10-09	Fudge, Cpl. R.	56351	V	2018-09-14
Bérubé, Cpl. M.	52851	C	2018-09-17	Galbraith, Cpl. S.	54607	H	2018-10-18
Bilodeau, E.	C/6921	HQ	2018-09-06	Gardner, Sgt. A.	53123	B	2018-08-30
Binda, Sgt. G.	48364	D	2018-08-10	Garner, Cpl. A.	50525	E	2018-09-13
Birnie, Sgt. D.	60440	HQ	2018-09-05	Gerrard, Sgt. L.	45141	HQ	2018-08-10
Bishop, Cpl. B.	56501	K	2018-09-21	Gervais, Cpl. A.	54608	K	2018-10-05
Boser, Insp. S.	0.3239	K	2018-08-31	Gilchrist, C/Supt. R.	0.2483	HQ	2018-09-23
Boulianne, Cpl. D.	58439	HQ	2018-09-07	Gilchrist, S/Sgt. A.	51810	K	2018-08-08
Bozak, Cpl. T.	55887	E	2018-08-27	Gilkes, Cpl. A.	59282	E	2018-08-17
Breton, Sgt. S.	53300	C	2018-10-19	Gillis, Sgt. A.	52044	A	2018-08-24
Brideau, Cpl. J.	59275	J	2018-08-02	Gosset, N.	C/9708	HQ	2018-10-09
Busch, Sgt. T.	53959	E	2018-08-01	Gullacher, Cpl. A.	52978	F	2018-10-30
Cabana, Cpl. J.	59333	C	2018-08-20	Hadaller, Cpl. M.	50561	D	2018-08-05
Cairney, Cpl. S.	51370	K	2018-09-04	Hallam, S/Sgt. M.	48565	E	2018-08-24
Caissie, B.	C/8787	J	2018-08-13	Handy, Sgt. C.	52138	HQ	2018-08-10
Campbell, S/Sgt. I.	50348	K	2018-08-21	Henstridge, S/Sgt. M.	50252	HQ	2018-08-13
Célestin, Cpl. S.	51435	HQ	2018-08-31	Hodge, Sgt. R.	50286	K	2018-08-28
Chan, Sgt. T.	46797	K	2018-08-09	Hovde, Cpl. K.	58247	E	2018-09-04
Charlebois, Cpl. J.-P.	42217	HQ	2018-08-31	Huot, Sgt. M.	44114	HQ	2018-10-01
Clark, Cpl. R.	57489	K	2018-09-17	Hurley, Cpl. P.	51472	H	2018-10-18
Clouthier, Cpl. D.	56503	O	2018-08-07	Ingrey, Cpl. S.	46657	E	2018-10-10
Collins, S/Sgt. L.	47880	K	2018-08-24	Jacobson, Cpl. N.	56723	V	2018-09-14
Colthart, Insp. C.	0.3230	HQ	2018-08-03	Jané, Insp. F.	0.3235	K	2018-08-02
Cormier, Cpl. S.	57336	HQ	2018-09-06	Jarvis, Cpl. C.	51781	O	2018-08-31
Corscadden, Sgt. A.	41534	H	2018-08-30	Jessome, Cpl. J.	52434	H	2018-09-10
Cote, A/Commr. S.	0.2622	HQ	2018-09-07	Kaila, Cpl. P.	52234	HQ	2018-10-12
Cote, Cpl. S.	53712	HQ	2018-08-17	Kelly, S/Sgt. B.	45518	F	2018-09-14
Courchaine, Cpl. J.	49321	D	2018-09-14	Klassen, Cpl. M.	52550	K	2018-09-20
Cowan, Cpl. A.	46583	O	2018-08-24	Kneckt, Sgt. R.	45798	T	2018-09-07
Crocker, Cpl. D.	49482	B	2018-08-12	Koppang, Supt. M.	0.2917	D	2018-08-21
Crocker, Cpl. J.	56715	B	2018-08-22	Labrum, Cpl. A.	58794	E	2018-08-29
Davis, Sgt. N.	48913	E	2018-08-28	Lai, Supt. A.	0.2972	K	2018-08-01
De Moura, Cpl. V.	59194	HQ	2018-10-14	Langlois, Sgt. S.	40103	T	2018-08-24
Doherty, Cpl. M.	51136	T	2018-09-21	Lavallee, Sgt. R.	51355	O	2018-09-03
Doncaster, Sgt. S.	44929	HQ	2018-08-12	Leroux, Cpl. L.	52552	K	2018-09-15
Drouin, S/S/M J.	50503	E	2018-08-24	Lescarbeau, Sgt. Y.	50660	HQ	2018-10-04

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Levy, Sgt. A.	51627	T	2018-08-19	Robinson, Sgt. M.	47558	K	2018-10-22
Lewison, Cpl. D.	57947	K	2018-08-16	Ross, Cpl. S.	55072	F	2018-08-21
Liang, T.	C/9781	HQ	2018-09-04	Ross, S/Sgt. M.	38853	HQ	2018-10-22
Livingstone, Insp. L.	0.3246	E	2018-09-28	Rousseau, S/Sgt. S.	46921	HQ	2018-10-19
Lockyer, Sgt. E.	45954	F	2018-08-27	Rowland, Sgt. J.	54773	HQ	2018-08-31
Lopetinsky, Insp. S.	0.3242	E	2018-09-22	Rozon, Cpl. B.	44870	E	2018-09-10
Losier, Cpl. S.	57583	O	2018-10-26	Rusk, Insp. D.	0.3241	HQ	2018-08-10
MacDougall, Sgt. D.	47593	F	2018-10-05	Ryzowski, Sgt. K.	45594	HQ	2018-10-05
MacIntosh, S/Sgt. A.	48748	E	2018-09-17	Sahasrabuddhe, N.	C/5803	E	2018-08-20
Mackenzie-Plante, Cpl. M.-E.	55679	K	2018-10-18	Scanlan, L.	C/9587	H	2018-09-09
MacNevin, Cpl. J.	58612	D	2018-08-17	Schmidt, Cpl. T.	54099	K	2018-09-11
Maillet, Sgt. M.	48222	J	2018-08-24	Scott, S/Sgt. J.	49190	E	2018-09-14
Mason, B.	D/420	HQ	2018-08-01	Semaniuk, S/Sgt. Z.	48287	K	2018-08-28
Mathias, Insp. M.	0.3231	K	2018-08-09	Semkiw, Cpl. J.	58058	D	2018-08-22
McEachren, Cpl. J.	50171	G	2018-10-05	Sestier, Cpl. P.	49405	C	2018-09-06
McKenzie, Sgt. I.	48114	D	2018-08-06	Shardlow, Insp. I.	0.3243	K	2018-08-30
McLeod, Insp. S.	0.3245	E	2018-09-21	Sheppard, Sgt. E.	46392	T	2018-08-14
McMullen, Cpl. K.	51178	O	2018-08-10	St-Cyr, Sgt. E.	54264	T	2018-09-10
McNaul, Sgt. J.	44719	O	2018-08-14	Stewart, Sgt. L.	45920	O	2018-09-28
Mosher, Cpl. M.	56727	K	2018-08-27	Stover, S.	C/7519	HQ	2018-09-17
Nairne, Cpl. T.	54227	HQ	2018-10-24	Strachan, D/Commr. J.	0.2091	HQ	2018-09-06
Noskey, Sgt. M.	47358	K	2018-09-28	Switzer, S/Sgt. T.	47896	K	2018-08-06
Nugent, Sgt. E.	54202	B	2018-08-07	Synychych, Sgt. P.	48584	HQ	2018-08-02
O'Neill, Insp. C.	0.3237	K	2018-08-22	Tang, Sgt. A.	52475	HQ	2018-08-10
Ortega-Caceres, Cpl. O.	53101	HQ	2018-08-03	Thiessen, Sgt. M.	49025	E	2018-08-20
Ossinger, S/Sgt. D.	48061	B	2018-08-29	Tobin, E.	C/7412	HQ	2018-08-20
Ouellet, O.	C/9837	C	2018-09-10	Topping, Cpl. R.	47633	F	2018-08-03
Parker, Sgt. C.	43025	T	2018-08-13	Trahan, Sgt. M.	43333	HQ	2018-09-11
Parsons, A/Commr. C.	0.2196	B	2018-10-08	Tremblay, Cpl. J.-F.	58685	A	2018-08-31
Paskal, Cpl. V.	54922	A	2018-08-30	Vanderrick, Cpl. D.	48755	E	2018-08-17
Pasqua, Supt. A.	0.2970	E	2018-10-03	Verge, Cpl. P.	46703	K	2018-09-13
Peden, S/Sgt. C.	48196	K	2018-08-28	Walsh, Cpl. M.	49752	B	2018-09-27
Pescod, Cpl. M.	57869	HQ	2018-08-21	Werrell, S/Sgt. D.	49316	E	2018-08-28
Petit, Cpl. N.	53231	HQ	2018-09-28	Whitten, Cpl. D.	57598	B	2018-09-14
Pinder, Sgt. J.	45067	O	2018-09-28	Wilkins, Cpl. J.	60438	HQ	2018-08-29
Polzer, S/Sgt. M.	47654	K	2018-09-28	Williams, Sgt. D.	54756	B	2018-10-19
Pothier, J.	C/8913	A	2018-08-07	Wong, S/Sgt. G.	45397	E	2018-09-01
Preston, Insp. T.	0.3228	E	2018-08-12	Yee, S/Sgt. W.	45341	E	2018-09-14
Price, F.	C/8097	HQ	2018-08-01	Zawislak, Sgt. D.	48499	F	2018-09-05
				Zigayer, Cpl. P.	54980	A	2018-08-31

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Acker, B.	C/4246	HQ	2018-08-20	Edwards, Cst. J.	50163	E	2018-10-18
Allard, Cst. G.	39198	C	2018-08-02	Elvin, Cst. J.	56907	E	2018-10-25
Anderson, M.	C/3736	F	2018-09-07	Embree, S/Sgt. R.	41742	F	2018-09-13
Angel, Cpl. S.	34712	E	2018-08-02	Evans, Cst. R.	40604	D	2018-09-25
Anslow, T.	C/3948	E	2018-08-16	Falebrinza, S/Sgt. S.	44728	E	2018-10-11
Aranguiz, S/Sgt. N.	44688	K	2018-10-02	Faucher, Sgt. R.	39380	C	2018-10-11
Arcand, Cst. G.	43269	F	2018-10-20	Faulkenham, Cst. J.	46633	H	2018-10-11
Barbe, D.	C/4353	HQ	2018-09-04	Favor, Cst. L.	53540	E	2018-08-16
Barich, Cpl. D.	40302	HQ	2018-09-05	Fequière, Cpl. L.	46790	C	2018-09-14
Barnett, Cst. S.	53298	E	2018-08-02	Fiddick, Cpl. M.	44013	E	2018-09-13
Basha, Cpl. R.	46603	B	2018-08-16	Fitzgerald, Cst. K.	35891	K	2018-08-04
Battrum, Cpl. B.	44533	F	2018-10-11	Fleury, A/Commr. B.	0.2077	HQ	2018-10-04
Bennett, Supt. J.	0.2790	K	2018-10-24	Fox, Cpl. C.	39493	B	2018-09-27
Boissonneault, Insp. J.	0.2795	E	2018-09-13	Francis, Sgt. J.	44303	H	2018-09-13
Botelho, S/Sgt. U.	43602	HQ	2018-09-29	Gallagher, M.	C/9595	E	2018-10-11
Boulger, Cpl. S.	42940	T	2018-10-02	Gargus, Cpl. C.	50632	E	2018-09-11
Boyter, Cpl. G.	43465	O	2018-09-20	Gibbs, Supt. M.	0.2731	F	2018-10-05
Bragaglia, Cpl. S.	38510	O	2018-10-02	Gray, Sgt. L.	38369	H	2018-10-25
Brost, S/Sgt. L.	40301	E	2018-08-30	Gresham, A/Commr. J.	0.2262	E	2018-08-28
Brown, Cst. N.	56472	E	2018-09-27	Gryzwacz, Cst. R.	40716	O	2018-09-29
Burke, Cst. B.	52456	K	2018-09-20	Han, Sgt. C.-W.	44780	O	2018-10-20
Burrill, S/Sgt. S.	42739	G	2018-08-11	Harkin, Sgt. W.	42041	K	2018-09-05
Callaghan, Cst. M.	52480	E	2018-09-28	Hawker, Sgt. B.	40323	K	2018-09-19
Caouette, S/Sgt. P.	38435	C	2018-09-15	Heins, Sgt. E.	43979	O	2018-09-05
Charbonneau, L.	C/5323	HQ	2018-08-02	Hildebrand, Cpl. J.	45946	K	2018-10-02
Charbonneau, Sgt. D.	38884	HQ	2018-09-08	Ho, Cpl. S.-S.	43562	O	2018-08-21
Charette, A.	C/7700	D	2018-10-01	Ho, Cpl. L.	44792	HQ	2018-10-26
Chiasson, Sgt. H.	37873	C	2018-10-11	Ibbotson, Insp. J.	0.2297	E	2018-08-08
Christopher, Sgt. S.	45066	J	2018-10-18	James, Cst. R.	43482	H	2018-10-04
Clack, A.	C/7238	K	2018-08-09	Johnston, Cpl. C.	38695	E	2018-10-11
Clack, Cst. A.	48478	E	2018-08-16	Juneau, Cst. J.	39293	O	2018-08-11
Clark, Cpl. R.	47429	F	2018-09-13	Kallert, Cpl. B.	36780	HQ	2018-09-13
Clarke, Sgt. G.	34752	E	2018-08-16	Kidd, Cpl. M.	38883	H	2018-09-26
Cohoon, Cpl. S.	39743	J	2018-09-01	Knopp, Insp. J.	0.2515	HQ	2018-10-19
Compagna, Cst. S.	49665	B	2018-10-16	Koole, Cst. J.	51174	E	2018-08-16
Cormier, Supt. J.	0.2636	HQ	2018-08-02	Lafrance, M.	C/5946	HQ	2018-09-08
Côté, Cst. R.	35367	C	2018-10-18	Landry, Cpl. R.	38196	J	2018-08-07
Couture, Sgt. L.	44443	J	2018-09-12	LeBlanc, Sgt. M.	37046	HQ	2018-08-25
Culhane, Insp. C.	0.2806	K	2018-09-05	Lefebvre, Cpl. S.	39709	C	2018-10-25
Cutler, Cst. S.	47694	E	2018-08-09	Legault, D.	C/4487	HQ	2018-10-06
Cutler, Sgt. J.	44627	E	2018-09-10	Legault, E.	C/4064	HQ	2018-10-17
de Goeij, Insp. G.	0.2367	K	2018-10-18	Lévesque, Cst. D.	40145	C	2018-08-01
Dewsbery, Sgt. K.	41530	K	2018-08-11	Ludlow, T.	C/5046	O	2018-10-03
Dickson, Cst. J.	47821	E	2018-08-16	Maila, P.	C/4122	G	2018-09-14
Dionne, Cst. R.	46422	J	2018-10-06	Maillet, Supt. G.	0.2644	HQ	2018-08-03
Doucette, Cpl. K.	50082	T	2018-09-13	Maloney, Cpl. D.	39162	H	2018-10-11
Draffin, Cpl. D.	38397	E	2018-08-16	Marchand, Sgt. R.	40368	HQ	2018-09-21

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Marshall, Cpl. T.	41043	HQ	2018-10-18	Robinson, Cpl. I.	41093	H	2018-09-01
Martens, J.	C/5650	K	2018-09-02	Robinson, V.	C/7291	G	2018-09-07
McCoy, Sgt. K.	40911	K	2018-10-25	Rodricks, Sgt. G.	44425	E	2018-09-13
McInnis, Cst. S.	54281	E	2018-10-05	Rohatyn, Cpl. R.	45100	K	2018-09-15
Mcmillan, Sgt. C.	42313	E	2018-08-02	Rolfson, Cst. N.	59682	K	2018-09-04
Megyesi, N.	C/8112	E	2018-08-30	Ross, Cpl. M.	39575	H	2018-08-02
Menoche, S/Sgt. A.	44274	HQ	2018-09-01	Roy, Cst. K.	57453	E	2018-08-16
Meyer, Sgt. B.	41286	E	2018-09-13	Ryan, F.	C/3939	B	2018-08-16
Miller, Sgt. T.	40325	H	2018-10-11	Samson, M.	C/9951	C	2018-08-01
Monbourquette, Insp. L.	O.2739	C	2018-08-11	Simpson, Cpl. J.	45451	K	2018-09-05
Monds, S/Sgt. P.	40258	E	2018-08-30	Simpson, Cpl. L.	39016	E	2018-08-02
Murphy, Cst. D.	39612	H	2018-08-22	Slawter, Cpl. P.	39591	E	2018-09-13
Myers, Cpl. K.	43595	D	2018-09-09	Smith, S/Sgt. G.	48503	H	2018-10-16
Nepveu, Y.	C/3785	C	2018-09-15	Sopiro, W.	C/6022	HQ	2018-08-17
Ness, S/Sgt. D.	43223	K	2018-08-07	Spragg, S/Sgt. R.	44603	D	2018-08-16
Nodwell, S/Sgt. H.	43767	F	2018-10-13	St. Louis, Cst. T.	43799	B	2018-09-14
Opheim, Sgt. T.	40268	F	2018-08-21	St.mars, S/Sgt. N.	39056	E	2018-09-13
Osmond, S/Sgt. R.	42460	B	2018-10-11	Stang, P.	C/6839	HQ	2018-09-08
Pal, Supt. S.	O.2600	E	2018-10-27	Staniulis, J.	C/3946	HQ	2018-09-01
Papillon, Sgt. M.	44375	G	2018-10-08	Stephens, Cpl. S.	44118	O	2018-08-21
Parker, Supt. R.	O.2946	E	2018-10-11	Stephenson, Sgt. P.	41189	E	2018-09-10
Patterson, Cst. L.	51617	J	2018-10-16	Stevenson, Cpl. G.	42391	H	2018-08-30
Peacocke, J.	C/4658	K	2018-09-05	Stones, Sgt. B.	38933	H	2018-09-22
Pelletier, S/Sgt. D.	38889	HQ	2018-09-01	Suley, M.	C/4489	J	2018-10-13
Perry, Cpl. R.	43327	A	2018-09-06	Surprenant, P.	C/3336	HQ	2018-09-01
Pharand, Cst. D.	50838	C	2018-08-18	Taylor, Cpl. M.	42749	E	2018-08-30
Picard, S/Sgt. K.	41847	E	2018-09-12	Thompson, B.	C/6828	E	2018-10-11
Piché, Supt. J.-M.	O.2902	HQ	2018-09-01	Toupin, Cpl. G.	44981	F	2018-10-04
Pipes, Cpl. D.	46524	V	2018-10-09	Toutan, Cpl. B.	44474	C	2018-09-01
Poirier, Sgt. P.	41830	C	2018-08-05	Tremblay, Cpl. M.	46284	C	2018-10-29
Poisson, Cpl. S.	39027	C	2018-09-01	Wakelin, Cst. K.	46549	L	2018-09-16
Potter, Cpl. W.	42011	E	2018-08-30	Ward, Insp. B.	O.2635	E	2018-10-13
Proulx, Sgt. P.	37102	C	2018-09-01	Waters, Cpl. T.	42412	O	2018-10-19
Rechner, Sgt. R.	41082	K	2018-08-04	Watts, A.	C/5275	K	2018-10-11
Reid, C.	C/4145	HQ	2018-09-13	Wells, Cst. L.	45733	H	2018-09-05
Roach, Cpl. J.	43485	H	2018-08-02	Wiebe, Cst. A.	51702	K	2018-09-01
Robichaud, Cpl. L.	42815	J	2018-08-27	Young, Cst. A.	42589	HQ	2018-09-28

OBITUARIES

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BEAMAN | Reg. No. 14799

S/Sgt. John Wellington Beaman (Rtd.), 92, died May 18, 2018, at Halifax, N.S. Born Dec. 25, 1925, at Saint John, N.B., he joined the Force Jan. 6, 1947, at Fredericton, N.B. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at H and HQ Divs., until retiring July 8, 1969. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal. He previously served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from Aug. 20, 1943 – Sept. 25, 1945. He was awarded a Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

BEVERIDGE | Reg. No. 19767

S/Sgt. Harry William Beveridge (Rtd.), 82, died Oct. 11, 2018, at Surrey, B.C. Born Aug. 31, 1936 at Winnipeg, Man., he joined the Force Feb. 4, 1957, at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E Div., until retiring Aug. 28, 1996. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars, and the 125th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal.

BIBEAU | Reg. No. 19239, (0.808)

Supt. Joseph Phillipe Louis Bibeau (Rtd.), 81, died Sept. 29, 2018, at Ottawa, Ont. Born June 4, 1937, at Abitibi, Que., he joined the Force Jan. 20, 1956, at Ottawa, Ont. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at C, G, A and HQ Divs., until July 15, 1984, transferring to CSIS. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

BOBOSKY | Reg. No. C/2664

C/M Gerald Edward Bobosky, 80, died Sept. 2, 2018, at Victoria, B.C. Born March 24, 1938, at Moose Jaw, Sask., he joined the Force Feb. 29, 1980, at Victoria, B.C., as a telecoms operator. He served at E Div., until retiring April 13, 1994. He previously served in the Canadian Armed Forces from April 8, 1958 – April 17, 1979.

BOGGS | Reg. No. 22312

S/Sgt. Theodore Boggs (Rtd.), 75, died Oct. 4, 2018, at Nanaimo, B.C. Born Dec. 15, 1942, at Vancouver, B.C., he joined the Force Jan. 24, 1962, at Victoria, B.C. Upon completion of training at N Div., he served at K and E Divs., until retiring Nov. 23, 1994. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

BOWER | Reg. No. 24960

S/Sgt. William Keyes Bower (Rtd.), 73, died Oct. 7, 2018, at Ottawa, Ont. Born Dec. 30, 1944, at Saint John, N.B., he joined the Force July 14, 1966, at Halifax, N.S. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at J and HQ Divs., until retiring April 7, 1999. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

BUCHTA | Reg. No. 31903

S/Sgt. Douglas Gerard Buchta (Rtd.), 68, died July 24, 2018, at Grande Prairie, Alta. Born Jan. 15, 1950, at Edmonton, Alta., he joined the Force Oct. 2, 1974, at Edmonton, Alta. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E Div., until retiring Oct. 3, 2004. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

BURBRIDGE | Reg. No. 32584

S/Sgt. Theodore Gary Burbridge (Rtd.), 63, died Oct. 11, 2018, at Brockville, Ont. Born June 19, 1955, at Brockville, Ont., he joined the Force June 9, 1975, at Ottawa, Ont. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E, HQ and K Divs., until retiring June 9, 2008. He was awarded an RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars, and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

CARIGNAN | Reg. No. C/4732

C/M Marie Louise Carignan (Rtd.), 68, died Sept. 7, 2018, at Stittsville, Ont. Born May 6, 1950, at Princeville, Que., she joined the Force Sept. 24, 1996 at Ottawa, Ont., as a research analyst. She served at A Div., until retiring Feb. 3, 2009. She was awarded the 20-year medallion.

CARLE | Reg. No. 43412

Cst. Krista Grace Carle, 53, died July 6, 2018, at Sooke, B.C. Born Jan. 2, 1965, at Calgary, Alta., she joined the Force March 1, 1991, at Victoria, B.C. Upon completion of training at Depot, she served at E and K Divs., until being medically discharged Aug. 11, 2010. She was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

CHALK | Reg. No. 42123, S/2272

Cst. David Frederick Chalk, 61, died July 18, 2018, at Quebec City, Que. Born Sept. 20, 1956, at Calgary, Alta., he joined the Force Aug. 27, 1979, at Calgary, Alta. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at K Div., until retiring July 15, 1997.

CREELMAN | Reg. No. 18711

S/Sgt. Gordon Elmer Creelman (Rtd.), 86, died July 26, 2018, at St. Catharines, Ont. Born June 1, 1933, at Truro, N.S., he joined the Force Aug. 31, 1954, at Halifax, N.S. He served at Depot, B, O and HQ Divs., until retiring Aug. 31, 1984. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

DAHL | Reg. No. 24502

Cpl. David Ralph Dahl (Rtd.), 72, died Sept. 9, 2018, at Vancouver, B.C. Born April 28, 1946, at Vancouver, B.C., he joined the Force Jan. 20, 1966, at New Westminster, B.C. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at K and E Divs, until retiring Dec. 8, 1989. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

DAYE | Reg. No. 21495

Sgt. Robert Wayne Daye (Rtd.), 76, died July 28, 2018, at Strathmore, Alta. Born Dec. 24, 1941, at Cornwall, Ont., he joined the Force July 13, 1960, at Ottawa, Ont. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at K Div., until retiring Sept. 19, 1983. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

DIONNE | Reg. No. 38767

Cpl. Daniel Bernard Dionne (Rtd.), 56, died Sept. 5, 2018, at Ottawa, Ont. Born April 15, 1962, at Halifax, N.S., he joined the Force April 4, 1986, at Halifax, N.S. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at K and V Div., until retiring July 12, 2013. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

DIXON | Reg. No. 22902

Sgt. John Thomas Dixon (Rtd.), 76, died Oct. 22, 2018, at White Rock, B.C. Born Jan. 14, 1942, at Ottawa, Ont., he joined the Force Nov. 22, 1962, at Toronto, Ont. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E and A Divs., until retiring Aug. 31, 1991. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

DOAK | Reg. No. C/760

C/M Betty Yvonne Doak, 90, died July 20, 2018, at Kamloops, B.C. Born Dec. 3, 1927, at Strome, Alta., she joined the Force June 23, 1970, at Edmonton, Alta., as a technician. She served at K and HQ Divs., until July 15, 1984, transferring to CSIS.

EAGAN | Reg. No. 26158

S/Sgt. Joseph Philip Eagan (Rtd.), 72, died July 31, 2018, at Dartmouth, N.S. Born May 15, 1946, at St. Stephen's, N.B., he joined the Force Sept. 28, 1967, at Fredericton, N.B. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at H Div., until retiring April 12, 2006. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

GILLIS | Reg. No. C/980

C/M Daniel George Gillis, 78, died Aug. 25, 2018, at Edmonton, Alta. Born July 19, 1940, at Sydney, N.S., he joined the Force Sept. 27, 1971 at Fredericton, N.B., as a telecoms operator. He served at J and K Divs., retiring Sept. 16, 1992. He re-engaged Nov. 24, 1995 at Edmonton, Alta., serving at K Div., until retiring Feb. 29, 1996. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Award. He previously served in the Canadian Armed Forces from April 25, 1958 – June 30, 1971.

GRAMLICK | Reg. No. 19832

Sgt. Gordon Gramlick, 81, died Sept. 5, 2018, at Ponoka, Alta. Born July 3, 1937, at Camrose, Alta., he joined the Force March 20, 1957, at Edmonton, Alta. Upon completion of training at N Div., he served at E, N and HQ Divs., until July 15, 1984, transferring to CSIS. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

GRAZIANO | Reg. No. 19558

S/Sgt. Raymond Graziano (Rtd.), 81, died Aug. 29, 2018, at Dollard Des Ormeaux, Que. Born Feb. 11, 1937, at Kitchener, Waterloo, he joined the Force July 9, 1956 at Toronto, Ont. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at C and HQ Divs., until retiring May 31, 1995. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

HANTON | Reg. No. 28680

Cst. Lloyd John Hanton (Rtd.), 67, died July 23, 2018, at Prince George, B.C. Born Jan. 1, 1951, at Pine Falls, Man., he joined the Force Feb. 8, 1971 at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E Div., until resigning Nov. 30, 1978.

HART | Reg. No. 19227

S/Sgt. Merle Leslie Hart (Rtd.), 85, died July 7, 2018, near Hope, B.C. Born Sept. 6, 1932, at Glenwood, Man., he joined the Force Jan. 10, 1956, at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at F Div., until retiring Jan. 13, 1980. He was awarded an RCMP Long Service Medal.

HOSTIN | Reg. No. 20122

S/Sgt. Roger George Albert Hostin (Rtd.), 82, died July 6, 2018, at Kelowna, B.C. Born March 11, 1936, at Rockglen, Sask., he joined the Force Aug. 7, 1957, at Lethbridge, Alta. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E Div., until retiring March 11, 1996. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

KIRBYSON | Reg. No. 20814

S/Sgt. Allen Delbert Kirbyson (Rtd.), 79, died June 12, 2018, at Mayerthorpe, Alta. Born May 10, 1939, at Edmonton, Alta., he joined the Force Feb. 18, 1959, at Edmonton, Alta. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E, G and B Divs., until retiring May 25, 1994. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

LAMB | Reg. No. 19174

S/Sgt. Howard Bruce Lamb (Rtd.), 85, died Oct. 2, 2018, at West Kelowna, B.C. Born Aug. 9, 1933, at Smeaton, Sask., he joined the Force Nov. 15, 1955, at Calgary, Alta. Upon completion of training at N Div., he served at E, G, K Divs., until retiring April 7, 1989. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

LOSHNY | Reg. No. 18615

Sgt. Vladamere Loshny (Rtd.), 84, died Sept. 11, 2018, at Kelowna, B.C. Born Aug. 5, 1934, at Brooksby, Sask., he joined the Force April 5, 1954, at Vancouver, B.C. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at F, A and K Divs., until retiring July 31, 1978. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

LUELO | Reg. No. 15977

S/Sgt. Walter Douglas Luelo (Rtd.), 86, died Oct. 30, 2017, at Harriston, Ont. Born June 6, 1931, at Kitchener, Ont., he joined the Force Nov. 7, 1949 at Toronto, Ont. Upon completion of training at N Div., he served at D, E and HQ Divs., until retiring July 3, 1977. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

MACDONALD | Reg. No. 27946

S/Sgt. William Corry MacDonald (Rtd.), 68, died Aug. 29, 2018, at Dogtooth Lake, Ont. Born Oct. 8, 1949, at Montreal, Que., he joined the Force March 31, 1970, at Montreal, Que. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at A and D Divs., until retiring May 28, 2003. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

MACDONALD | Reg. No. 29813

Cst. Peter Charles MacDonald (Rtd.), 70, died April 15, 2018, at Sherwood Park, Alta. Born March 20, 1948, at Marion Bridge, N.S., he joined the Force May 15, 1972, at Burnaby, B.C. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at K Div., until retiring Sept. 24, 2003. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

MACLEAN | Reg. No. C/946

C/M Ronald Wallace Maclean, 85, died July 25, 2018, at Duncan, B.C. Born March 16, 1933, at Montreal, Que., he joined the Force Aug. 9, 1971, at Ottawa, Ont., as a telecoms operator. He served at A and HQ Divs., until July 15, 1984, transferring to CSIS.

MARSHALL | Reg. No. 26923

Sgt. Brian Robert Marshall (Rtd.), 69, died July 11, 2018, at Regina, Sask. Born Feb. 26, 1949, at Hanna, Alta., he joined the Force Nov. 19, 1968, at Kamloops, B.C. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at F Div., until being medically discharged July 10, 2002. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

MCCORMICK | Reg. No. 25404

S/Sgt. Paul Thomas McCormick (Rtd.), 70, died July 11, 2018, at St. John's, Nfld. Born Jan. 16, 1948, at Glace Bay, N.S., he joined the Force Jan. 17, 1967, at Sydney, N.S. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at B Div., until retiring April 3, 2002. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

MCIVOR | Reg. No. 40750

Cst. Albert Trevor Gerald McIvor (Rtd.), 76, died Aug. 7, 2018, at Cross Lake, Man. Born May 5, 1942, at Norway House, Man., he joined the Force Feb. 13, 1979, at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at D Div., until retiring May 14, 2000. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

MURRAY | Reg. No. 26656, (0.1621)

Supt. Andrew Angus Murray (Rtd.), 70, died Aug. 28, 2018, at Victoria, B.C. Born Dec. 27, 1947, at High River, Alta., he joined the Force May 14, 1968, at Edmonton, Alta. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E Div., until retiring Jan. 6, 2005. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

MYRA | Reg. No. 21857

Sgt. Lawson Myra (Rtd.), 77, died July 27, 2018, at Sussex, N.B. Born Jan. 12, 1941, at Gaspereau, Kings County, N.S. He joined the Force April 6, 1961, at Halifax, N.S. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at J Div., until retiring April 10, 1988. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

O'MEARA | Reg. No. 30629

Cpl. Brian Timothy O'Meara (Rtd.), 70, died Aug. 7, 2018, at Saulnierville, N.S. Born Jan. 19, 1948, at Chatham, Ont., he joined the Force July 3, 1973 at Vancouver, B.C. Upon completion of training at N Div., he served at A, H and HQ Divs., until retiring Oct. 29, 1998. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

PARRY | Reg. No. 18542

Sgt. Edward Parry (Rtd.), 84, died Sept. 5, 2018, at Thunder Bay, Ont. Born March 26, 1934, at Fort William, Ont., he joined the Force Feb. 4, 1954, at Winnipeg, Man. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E Div., until retiring Dec. 31, 1975. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

PFEIFFER | Reg. No. 32555

Cst. Douglas Ralph Pfeiffer, 64, died Oct. 3, 2018, at Kitchener, Ont. Born May 10, 1954, at Kitchener, Ont., he joined the Force June 2, 1975, at Toronto, Ont. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E Div., until time expired June 1, 1980.

PITCHER | Reg. No. 23240

S/Sgt. Maxwell Gordon Pitcher (Rtd.), 74, died May 9, 2018, at Ottawa, Ont. Born Dec. 7, 1943, at Harbour Grace, Nfld., he joined the Force Jan. 3, 1964, at St. John's, Nfld. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at A, B and HQ Divs., until retiring Aug. 3, 1998. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

RICHARDSON | Reg. No. 16901

Cst. Bernie Arnold Richardson, 85, died July 1, 2017, at Dartmouth, N.S. Born Feb. 21, 1932, at Tribune, Sask., he joined the Force March 21, 1951, at Fredericton, N.B. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at H Div., until being discharged Feb. 7, 1955.

RIDGWAY | Reg. No. 18752

S/Sgt. Larry Edward Ridgway (Rtd.), 84, died Sept. 9, 2018, at Bradenton, Fla. Born March 3, 1934, at Lafleche, Sask., he joined the Force Sept. 16, 1954, at Regina, Sask. Upon completion of training at N Div., he served at E, HQ, H and F Divs., until retiring April 1, 1985. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

ROBERTS | Reg. No. 36379

Cst. Glenvil Roberts (Rtd.), 66, died Sept. 10, 2018, at Abbotsford, B.C. Born June 10, 1952, at Oldham, Lancashire, England, he joined the Force May 29, 1979, at Edmonton, Alta. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at K and E Divs., until retiring June 2, 2010. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

ROY | Reg. No. 31320

Sgt. Joseph Marcel Yves Roy (Rtd.), 64, died Sept. 18, 2018, at Hudson, Que. Born Oct. 19, 1953, at Valleyfield, Que., he joined the Force March 29, 1974, at Montreal, Que. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at A, C, and HQ Divs., until retiring April 1, 1999. He was awarded the RCMP Long Services Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star, Canadian Peacekeeping Services Medal, UN Protection Force Yugoslavia Medal, and the UN Special Service Medal.

SPOONER | Reg. No. 16970, (0.654)

A/Commr. Michael John Spooner (Rtd.), 87, died Sept. 9, 2018, at Ottawa, Ont. Born Jan. 30, 1931, at Aldershot, Hampshire, England, he joined the Force May 4, 1951, at Ottawa, Ont. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at H, A, HQ and O Divs., until July 15, 1984, transferring to CSIS. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

STURGEON | Reg. No. 20927

S/Sgt. William Robert Sturgeon (Rtd.), 78, died Oct. 4, 2018, at Fredericton, N.B. Born Aug. 10, 1940, at Doaktown, N.B., he joined the Force April 16, 1959, at Fredericton, N.B. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at O and HQ Divs., until retiring April 3, 1995. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

TELEP | Reg. No. 44073

Cst. Shirley Ann Telep (Rtd.), 65, died June 30, 2018, at Whitehorse, Yukon. Born Nov. 13, 1952, at Mayo, Yukon, she joined the Force March 16, 1983 at Whitehorse, Yukon. Upon completion of training at Depot, she served at M Div., until retiring April 19, 2012. She was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

WHITTAKER | Reg. No. 20061

S/Sgt. Lloyd Whittaker (Rtd.), 79, died Aug. 2, 2018, at White Rock, B.C. Born Oct. 10, 1938, at Preston, Ont., he joined the Force July 2, 1957 at Toronto, Ont. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at E, HQ and K Divs., until retiring July 5, 1980. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

WRENSHALL | Reg. No. 14986, (0.602)

C/Supt. Allan Frederick Wrenshall (Rtd.), 92, died Aug. 2, 2018, at Ottawa, Ont. Born May 28, 1926, at Hanley, Sask., he joined the Force Nov. 20, 1947, at Regina, Sask. Upon completion of training at N Div., he served at E, A, N, HQ and C Divs., until retiring Sept. 2, 1978. He was head of the Identification Branch and Departmental Secretary at the Force's National Headquarters in Ottawa. He was awarded a Commissioner's Commendation on June 11, 1956, for earning a Bachelor of Science, which stated, "I am also aware that a good portion of your studies to achieve this higher educational standing was carried out through night classes and your initiative in this respect is most commendable." He was security officer for many heads of state during the 1967 Centennial year and received a Commissioner's Commendation for that period. "For many compliments have been received on the manner in which this Force carried out its responsibilities and on the fact that there were no instances involving a breach of security, I would like you to know that I appreciate your devotion to duty and wish to commend you on a job well done." He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars. He previously served in the Canadian Army from June 30, 1943 – Sept. 15, 1945. He was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and the War Medal 1939-45. Following retirement, he became inspector general of the Canadian Corrections Service of the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

WRIGHT | Reg. No. 15422, (0.576)

A/Commr. Douglas James Wright (Rtd.), 87, died March 14, 2018, at Halifax, N.S. Born March 18, 1930, at Simcoe, Ont., he joined the Force May 10, 1948, at Toronto, Ont. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at H, G, B, F and HQ Divs., until retiring May 30, 1982. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars, Canadian Centennial Medal, Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, 125th anniversary of Canadian Confederation Medal, and the Official Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

ZERR | Reg. No. 42019

Sgt. Bradley James Arthur Zerr (Rtd.), 52, died Sept. 10, 2018, at Lloydminster, Sask. Born March 15, 1966, at Goodsoil, Sask., he joined April 30, 1990 at Regina, Sask. Upon completion of training at Depot, he served at K and F Divs., until retiring Oct. 5, 2011. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

NOTES

Vernon Winter Games Needs Veterans

The upcoming winter games will be held in Vernon for Special Olympics B.C. There will be approximately 870 athletes, coaches and various team managers from throughout B.C. and Yukon. Eight winter sporting events will take place at six different venues.

Cpl. Brenda Daly (Rtd.) is kindly assisting me in the security side of planning. We would be very appreciative to have some retired members come on board to volunteer with the security, whether just for a few hours for one day or a few hours on each day. Any additional volunteer assistance would greatly help us with the planning and execution of security requirements in order to make this a memorable and safe experience.

Should any retired members be interested in volunteering, or know of others who may be interested in helping out, they can contact C/Supt. Steve McVarnock (Rtd.) at mountaintopsecurity@hotmail.com to discuss further.

C Div. Turns 100!

Did you know that the RCMP in Quebec will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2020? This is a unique opportunity to celebrate the history and legacy of the Division from its very beginnings in 1920.

Are you a history buff? Do you have event organization skills or want to put your creativity to use? Then we need you! We want to create a committee that will meet in the coming months to discuss the various ways to highlight this historic event.

We are also seeking historical objects, old uniforms, photos and anecdotes that tell the history of the Division. If you want to participate, please contact the Communications Office at cdiv.communications@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Seeking Quarterly Magazines

Our Director of History and Artifacts is attempting to locate issues of *the Quarterly* magazine to complete the office set at H Div HQ.

He still requires 13 issues:

July 1933

October 1933

April 1934

October 1935

January, April and October 1937

October 1938

July 1939

October 1940

January 1945

October 1948

January 1951

Donations would be appreciated, but he is willing to purchase copies if necessary. Please contact nsrcompvets@gmail.com.

Searching for E Troop Members

In 1966 our Troop - "E" Troop - graduated and we were scattered from across the country. We would like to see if we can locate members of our troop and determine if there is a desire to get together to renew our acquaintance after so many years. Please contact Maarten Kramers by phone at (902) 462-4831 or by email at maarten_k01@bellaliant.net.

Seeking C Troop (1966-67) Memoirs

The members of C Troop (1966-67) are putting together troop memoirs and we are seeking the assistance of any members who have served with the following C (1966-67) members who have sadly passed away.

The troop is attempting to collect stories about their service, or investigations they were involved in for their families.

If you have any newspaper clipping, photographs, including any sports teams or community events our troop members were involved in, or you have any comments about what type of policemen, community members or friends they were, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please call Jerry Forst at (780) 416-0886 or send them to moonstone47@shaw.ca. C Troop and their families thank you for assisting with this project.

C (1966-67) Troop

1. Peter Albertson, Reg. No. 24837
2. Bob Allison, Reg. No. 24845
3. Ron Beaucaire, Reg. No. 24832
4. Bob Bossence, Reg. No. 24836
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23. Bloyce Coles, Reg. No. 24827
24. Joe Dennis, Reg. No. 24824
25. R.B. (Bruce) Lyman, Reg. No. 24822

Snowbirds Wanted at 2019 Veterans Picnic in Florida

An annual veterans' picnic at Sand Key Park, in Clearwater, Fla., is planned for snowbirds on March 7, 2019. The event is a casual, bring your own everything picnic, at 1060 Gulf Blvd., in Clearwater. There are no planned events. This year marks the 23rd year for the event always held on the first Thursday in March. For more information, contact Jack Burbridge in Ontario at (613) 824-2513 until mid February, then at (727) 729-4565 in Florida.

Corrections

The graduation photo of Troop 19 (2017-18) has been reprinted in this issue as incorrect information was received for the seating plan. The obituary of S/Sgt. Walter Douglas Luelo, Reg. No. 15977, is being reprinted as the Summer 2018 issue contained incorrect information.

The Quarterly regrets the errors.



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THE LAST WORD

THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING “S” FINALLY SOLVED

By Mark Gaillard, Researcher, RCMP Veterans' Association

The motto of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, “Maintiens Le Droit,” means “Uphold the Right” and appears proudly on the cap-badges worn by every Force member. It is a motto that seems tailor-made for our national police force. Yet how and why this motto was chosen, and by whom, has always been shrouded in mystery – until now.

The first cap-badge of the North West Mounted Police was introduced in 1886 as a badge to be worn on commissioned officers' field service caps. The badge had a silver buffalo head in the centre surrounded by a circlet containing the name of the Force and a scroll at the base with the motto “Maintien Le Droit.” However, the original motto was printed without an “s,” which made it grammatically incorrect and begged a further question: Why was the “s” missing from the word “Maintien?”

Nobody knew.

During the First World War, an eagle-eyed young francophone officer named Charles Auguste Rheault noticed that the motto did not follow correct French usage and was misspelled. Appalled, he brought the misspelling to the attention of then Commr. Aylesworth Bowen Perry.

Commr. Perry was at a loss and sought the aid of language authorities who poured over the motto and confirmed that the correct spelling of the French verb “maintenir” in the imperative tense, second person singular, should correctly be written with an “s” as in “maintiens.” The Commissioner swiftly issued a General Order informing all Force members that the correct motto of the Force was “Maintiens Le Droit.”

And so it has been correctly spelled ever since. Yet one question endured. How did the original misspelling occur? The error seemed particularly egregious given that the RCMP has always been a bilingual organization.

The search for answers was complicated by the fact that all records from the Force Comptroller's office were destroyed in a fire that consumed the West Block of the Parliament Buildings in 1897 – burning to a crisp any documented evidence about how the motto was originally chosen (and misspelled).

The situation bedeviled Stanley William Horrall, who served as RCMP historian from 1968 to 1992. He obsessed over the mystery of how the



Photo by Dave Conner

misspelled motto came into existence. Years of painstaking research led Horrall to conclude that the most obvious source of the first incorrectly spelled motto was Charles John Brydges.

Who was Charles John Bridges, you ask? He was an Englishman who came to Canada in 1854 to be the managing director of the Great Western Railway. From 1879 until his death in 1889, he worked as a land commissioner with the Hudson's Bay Company in Winnipeg. He was also a proud militiaman.

During the Fenian scare of 1866, Brydges assembled his own militia regiment, which he called the “Grand Trunk Railway Regiment.” It so happened that the ancestral motto of the Brydges family back in England was “Maintien Le Droit” (Uphold the Right). As a regimental colonel, Brydges chose his ancestral motto for the militia regiment he commanded.

Another English emigrant by the name of Fred White was employed as a clerk under Brydges at the time the militia was raised and he heard the motto that had been adopted. By 1873, White was working as a clerk in the Department of Justice under its then Minister John A. MacDonald when the North West Mounted Police came into being. In 1878, White was appointed comptroller of the Force and served in that post until his retirement in 1913.

When it came time to select a motto for the North West Mounted Police, the unilingual Fred White appropriated “Maintien Le Droit,” which he had heard many years before through Charles John Brydges and did not realize was misspelled.

So mystery solved. And however it is spelled, the Force's motto will never lose its meaning or significance to the thousands of members who have served under it. After all, a rose by any other name ... 🌹

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